



GENDER AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 (9:30 AM – NOON)
JUSTICE SHERYL GORDON MCCLOUD, Co-CHAIR

JUDGE REBECCA GLASGOW, Co-CHAIR

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MEETING ID: 812 1692 5451

Agenda

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM: WELCOME AND INITIAL BUSINESS

- Welcome and Introductions – **Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Co-Chair**
 - New Commission Staff Members – **Kelley Amburgey-Richardson**
- Approval of January 19, 2024 Minutes – **Judge Rebecca Glasgow, Co-Chair**

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9:45-10:00: LIAISON, COMMITTEE AND PROJECT UPDATES – WRITTEN UPDATES

- **Law Student Liaison Updates**
 - Gonzaga University School of Law – *Carly Quast*
 - Lewis and Clark School of Law – *Katelyn Sundstrom*
 - Seattle University School of Law – *Mahsa Massomi (p. 6)*
 - University of Washington School of Law – *Michelle Brito & Anushka Parihar*
- **Standing Committee Updates**
 - Communications Committee – *Laura Edmonston (p. 7)*
 - Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee – *Quinn Dalan (p. 8)*
 - Education Committee – *Judge Rebecca Glasgow (p. 9)*
 - Family Law Committee – *Karla Carlisle (p. 10)*
 - GJ Study Implementation Committee – *Barbara Serrano & Dr. Dana Raigrodski (p. 14)*
 - Incarceration, Gender and Justice Committee – *Elizabeth Hendren (p. 11)*
 - Legislative Committee – *Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud & Judge Rebecca Glasgow (p. 11)*
 - Tribal State Court Consortium – *Judge Cindy Smith (p. 12)*
- **Other Liaison Updates and Information Sharing**
 - Access to Justice Board – *Brynn Felix (p. 13)*
 - Center for Children and Youth Justice – *Rachel Sottile (p. 16)*
 - Minority and Justice Commission – *Judge Bonnie Glenn*
 - Washington State Center for Court Research – *Dr. Arina Gertseva*
 - Washington Women Lawyers/Child Care Work Group – *Irene Motles*
 - Crime Victim Services Work Group – *Jessica Janét*

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10:00 AM -11:55 AM PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- OCourt Forms – *Trish Kinlow, Tukwila Municipal Court (15 minutes)*
- Survivors FIRST Program – *David Martin, Ariana Oxford and Doris O’Neal, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (45 minutes)*
- HB 2001 Providing Judicial Discretion to Modify Sentences in the Interest of Justice (2024): Panel Presentation
Judge Johanna Bender, Judge Maureen McKee, King County Superior Court
Panelists: Gail Brashear, Andrea Altheimer, Eugene Youngblood & Brandon Pedro (45 minutes)

11:55 AM – 12:00 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT



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APPENDIX

- 2024 Gender and Justice Commission Meeting Schedule

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NEXT MEETING: May 10, 2024
In-Person at AOC SeaTac Office



Gender and Justice Commission
January 19th, 2024
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Zoom Videoconference



MEETING NOTES

Members & Liaisons Present

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud
 Judge Rebecca Glasgow
 Irene Motles
 Raylene King
 Elizabeth Hendren
 Dana Raigrodski
 Jennifer Ritchie
 Barbara Serrano
 Lynn Daggett
 Victoria Blumhorst
 Quinn Dalan
 Karla Carlisle
 Judge Michael Finkle
 Javier Ortiz
 Carlyn Sampson
 Allison Tjemsland
 Judge Josephine Wiggs
 Laura Edmonston
 Carly Quast
 Katelyn Sundstrom
 Renee Larson

AOC Staff

Kelley Amburgey-Richardson
 Crissy Anderson
 Laura Jones
 Karl Jones

Members & Liaisons Absent

Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown
 Commissioner Jonathan Lack
 Judge Cindy K Smith
 Arina Gertseva
 Judge Bonnie Glenn
 Brynn Felix
 Rachel Sottile
 Shannon Kilpatrick
 Michelle Brito
 Anushka Parihar

Guests

Judge Jennifer Forbes
 Andrea Valdez
 Jennie Romich
 Geraldine Germain
 Shannon Harper
 Trish Kinlow

WELCOME AND INITIAL BUSINESS

- Justice Gordon McCloud provided a welcome. Clerk Raylene King from Whatcom County was welcomed as the Commission's new Superior Court Clerk member. She replaced Clerk Dave Reynolds.
- Members of the Commission and guests introduced themselves.
- After a request for comments or corrections, the October 20, 2023 minutes were deemed approved.

COMMITTEE AND PROJECT UPDATES

Law Student Liaisons

- Carly Quast, Gonzaga: The WLC will meet later in the month and anticipates putting on an event for Women's History Month.
- Katelyn Sundstrom, Lewis and Clark: No report.
- Renee Larson, Seattle University: Renee reported she has graduated and a new SU liaison will be appointed shortly.

Communications Committee, Laura Edmonston

- Laura Edmonston reported the newsletter will be coming out next week; there is still time to share articles, information, events, etc. if members would like to see something included. She is working on a Women's History Month CLE/CJE and will have more to share at the next meeting.

DSV Committee, Quinn Dalan

- Quinn Dalan referred members to the written committee report which, among other things, highlighted the gender-based violence resource library.

Education Committee, Judge Glasgow

- Judge Glasgow reported the committee is now turning to focus on fall conference proposals and a follow-up to the first Dobbs webinar with the Communications Committee. This training will include information regarding WA's shield law and extradition in anticipation of issues that may arise in this state.
- Members should contact the committee anytime with ideas or input on judicial education.

Family Law Committee, Karla Carlisle

- This committee is just getting off the ground. The first meeting is scheduled for January 31 at noon. The committee will be working on expanding membership as needed and focusing on recommendations from the 2021 GJC study.

Implementation Committee, Dana Raigrodski

- Dana Raigrodski contributed a report for purposes of the Commission's newsletter in December. Dana presented at the Tribal State Court Consortium training on human trafficking, where she was able to highlight the study's recommendations in this area.
- The Committee is trying to outsource its work, both to commission standing committees and outside partners.

Incarceration Committee, Elizabeth Hendren

- The committee has been engaging in ongoing work with DOC in trying to bring together the study recommendations with their GIPA report. A lot of their GIPA report recommendations align with GJC's recommendations and the committee had a very productive meeting at the end of last year with DOC.
- Members are continuing to work on getting incarcerated women better access to legal information via tablets.
- The committee is continuing to discuss the state's risk assessment tool, a return of the legacy conference at DOC, and a proposed court rule amendment to extend the response time in family law matters for incarcerated parents.

Legislative Committee Report, Justice Gordon McCloud

- The Legislative Committee will be reviewing the lists of bills scheduled for hearings the following week to make determinations on whether to support, oppose or not take a position. The Commission typically does not take positions due to being a judicial branch entity, however the committee has begun utilizing a screening tool this session to make the process clearer. The committee is comprised of the co-chairs and the chairs of the standing committees. Bill summary reports are sent out weekly to Commission members. The committee will be looking at ties to the 2021 study recommendations as a part of bill analysis.

Tribal State Court Consortium, Justice Gordon McCloud

- A written report was provided in the meeting materials.
- Pending bill SB 6146 regarding tribal warrants was discussed. The bill concerns state enforcement of tribal arrest warrants. Ongoing issues of full faith and credit recognition of warrants has been a struggle.

Other Liaison Reports

- Child Care Work Group: Irene Motles. The group continues to meet regarding barriers to juror service. They plan to survey jury coordinators to determine which courts/counties have child care services available, and to what extent. They are hoping to get the survey out in the next two weeks and have a couple of jury coordinators spearheading that effort.
- Additional liaison reports were included in written materials packet.

Unrepresented Litigant Work Group and Self-Help Center Pilots – Judge Jennifer Forbes

- Judge Jennifer Forbes discussed the work of the Superior Court Judges’ Association (SCJA) Unrepresented Litigant Work Group, and the pilot self-help centers created at the request of the group. In 2019 SCJA chose to prioritize this issue during their strategic planning process and formed work group. It launched in early 2020 and included a variety of stakeholders from across the state. The group spent time developing goals and ultimately divided into three subgroups: judicial education, “portal/technology development, and self-help centers.”
 - The Judicial Education subgroup worked on comments to Code of Judicial Conduct cannons 2.2 and 2.6 to address parameters for how judicial officers and their staff interact with, and provide information to, unrepresented litigants. The additions were ultimately adopted by the Supreme Court. Rule 2.2 allows reasonable accommodations to be made. Rule 2.6 has extensive list of examples of exactly what judicial officers can do. The group used the ABA model rules as a framework, but Washington is a national leader on this issue.
 - Bench cards were developed and Judge Forbes will be presenting to new judicial officers at judicial college. They are hoping this will be built in as a permanent training requirement.
 - The Judicial Education group has also done surveys; they are hoping to do training for staff as well.
 - The Portal subgroup determined the workgroup really isn’t equipped to manage the task of wider technology accessibility to courts and is hoping to involve the AOC Equity and Access Team to assist in this work.
 - The Self-help Pilot Center group was very successful. Until very recently Washington had no self-help centers. California is the model of what we should be doing.
 - The SCJA put together a request to the legislature for 5 of these self-help centers and got temporary funding for 2. The legislation required a pilot program on each side of the state. Grays Harbor and Spokane were ultimately the sites, but they have different models.
 - Last year they got an extension of the funding through 2024, but want to get additional resources to study and hopefully replicate the centers across the state. In 2025 a supplemental budget request will be submitted with the goal of sustaining the self-help centers.
 - They are looking at doing webinars for judicial officers and staff on this topic.
 - The issue of the difficulty of varying and numerous local court rules was discussed and the barriers they cause for unrepresented litigants. Judge Forbes noted this could be handled in judicial training perhaps.
 - Ongoing barriers for non-English speaking litigants were discussed.

WashPOP Data Efforts – Professor Jennifer Romich and Professor Geraldine Germain

- Dana Raigrodski introduced Shannon Harper and Jennie Romich, faculty at UW. Sen. Dhingra attended a Gender and Justice Commission last year, and discussed her desire to have an integrated data collection mechanism. WashPOP is the result of those efforts.

- They are looking to build a new, full, demographic population database. This is a joint project of two units at UW.
 - Goals by July 1, 2025 include creation of a repository, having agreements in place for core file construction and linked resources.
 - They are seeking to gather core data elements and demographics such as age, gender, race/ethnicity, residential location, earnings/state income, and eventually household membership (using birth and marriage records). Will produce this information regularly, probably quarterly, and want it to be shareable back to the agencies that contributed data, and linkable to other sources of data.
 - The core sources of this data will be Employment Security, DSHS, DOH, the Secretary of State, and DOL.
 - They are confident this can be accomplished because they have done it at UW before, relating to Seattle’s minimum wage ordinance and worked with data owners to evaluate the effect.
 - Confidentiality, security and privacy issues will be worked out in collaboration with all of the data-owning agencies.
- Right now the UW researchers are talking with the various data owning agencies regarding reporting back, linking data, and tracking.
- This is a 2-year grant to get the data set created or ready to pull together, draft data sharing agreements, and craft rules around what the data will look like. Specifics around data security/privacy/confidentiality will be developed for inclusion in the MOUs as a part of the project. They will also be looking for opportunities for linkage to data in the criminal justice space to look at outcomes for justice system involved individuals.
- They are accepting thoughts and advice, and have criminal justice data ad hoc advisors.
- They want to protect against any potential federal use, and would strongly want to see this for research use only. There should be protection against any use that would lead to an agency contacting anyone based on the individual level data contained in it.
- Justice Gordon McCloud asked if the state data categories are compatible with federal data categories. Shannon noted, in 2021 they ran into this problem. Data is highly inconsistent and they are prepared to deal with that. They will have a complex but expansive set of racial/ethnicity identifiers. They want to make sure data is included on individuals who typically aren’t captured at all in data sets, and may end up doing it a few different ways for this reason.

ADJORNMENT

Seattle University School of Law: Mahsa Massomi

1. New WLC Positions
 - a. We will have a FLEX Student Representative to prioritize including FLEX students in our recruiting and events and ensure that the FLEX population is represented.
2. New WLC Student Liaisons
 - a. We will also recruit student liaisons from the SU School of Law for Washinton Women's Lawyers, King County Washington Women's Lawyers, and Pierce County Washington Women's Lawyers.
 - b. These liaisons will attend monthly meetings with these organizations, provide an essential connection to the networks for networking events, and help SU contribute and learn from experienced legal professionals.
3. Upcoming Career Development panel/networking event
 - a. This webinar will provide law students with valuable career development advice and encourage students to advocate for themselves as they begin their legal careers. The panel of attorneys attending will answer questions related to their career development. Ultimately, this will be a valuable networking opportunity for law students. The event is on March 6th from 6 pm - 7 pm, and I am more than happy to extend the webinar invitation to other interested students.
4. Upcoming Scholarships
 - a. The Kellye Testy Scholarship will become available sometime at the end of March; it is given to someone who exemplifies leadership qualities and shows commitment to supporting and developing womxn as active members of the legal community.
 - b. The G. Helen Whitener Scholarship will also become available in late March in partnership with the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and given to a 2L or 3L who demonstrates exemplary commitment to social justice and the betterment of their communities.
5. Upcoming Fundraising
 - a. The 1L WLC members are organizing a St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser with goodie bags!

Communications Committee:

The Communications Committee has been hard at work with Crissy Anderson and Judge Glasgow to put together the annual Women’s History Month CLE/CJE. The event is scheduled for **Thursday, March 21st from 11 am to 1 pm on Zoom.**

This year, we have put together an all-star lineup of panelists to discuss *Reproductive Rights in the Post-Dobbs Era*. The program will cover the history of reproductive rights in the US, jurisprudence, the legal landscape post-*Dobbs*, extradition, the Full Faith and Credit Clause and Washington State’s “Shield Law.”

Presenters:

- [Professor Carol Sanger](#) from Columbia Law School
- Clark County Chief Deputy Prosecutor [Rachael Rogers](#)
- [Professor Jeff Feldman](#) from UW School of Law
- [Senator Drew Hansen](#) (D – Bainbridge Island)

Attorneys, judicial officers, administrators, clerks and court staff are invited to the event and it will be recorded for those who cannot attend. CLE/CJE credits are pending.

Click here to register: <https://wacourts.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-6orz0vH9K-Hoebn2nBhnJKrgGjOkM>

The February Gender and Justice Commission Newsletter is on its way! This issue is packed and will arrive in inboxes soon. We are exploring how to add the newsletter to the GJC website for easy viewing.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee:

The DSV Committee had its first quarterly meeting of 2024 on February 9, 2024. Other DSV Committee meetings are scheduled for 5/31/24, 8/30/24, and 11/1/24. Please contact Laura Jones (laura.jones@courts.wa.gov) if you would like to attend an upcoming meeting.

On January 29, 2024, Judge Shea-Brown and Commissioner Farmer presented the GJC-sponsored session at judicial college: Gender-Based Violence: Applying Context to Court Proceedings, focused on civil protection orders. The session built on a pre-work eLearning module on identifying and understanding gender-based violence impact and dynamics, recognizing the impact of trauma, and trauma-informed practices. The pre-work module was developed by AOC's Education Services team, with review provided by several DSV Committee members. Comm. Farmer will host a "Special Follow-Up Forum" for those attending Judicial College to allow a safe space for further questions and/or any docket concerns the newer Judges and Commissioners may have. Judge Shea-Brown and Judge Finkle will also be present if their schedules allow.

In 2024, Civil Protection Order (CPO) Forums for judicial officers will continue on a quarterly basis. These forums provide an opportunity for judicial officers statewide to collaborate, ask questions, and share resources related to Chapter 7.105 RCW. The forums are staffed by the GJC and Commissioner Terri Farmer, one of the DSV Committee Co-Chairs, facilitates the CPO Forums.

The DSV Committee would also like to explore a "You Be the Judge" proposal for the 2025 spring judicial conferences, a scenario-based, interactive presentation that would highlight current issues in cases involving gender-based violence. It plans to convene a small subgroup of committee members to develop a proposal for consideration by the fall.

This year, the committee will prioritize updates to the DV bench guide, and several committee members have volunteered to assist in this effort.

The group has discussed general training by way of the Domestic Violence Symposium, which would require considerable involvement by outside community advocates and other groups. The biggest hurdle at this point likely is funding.

Education Committee:

- Planning for spring conferences is done with significant legwork from Crissy and Laura Jones. We are bringing in a national speaker, Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, on secondary trauma for the SCJA and DMCJA conferences, which will satisfy a study recommendation.
- We are working on a Post-*Dobbs* Zoom CJE/CLE Part 2 tentatively set for March 21. Thank you to Laura Edmonston and Crissy for their work on this.
- We are working on Fall Judicial Conference Proposals now and have sought input from the committee chairs.
- Judge Finkle shadowed for the intimate partner violence session at Judicial College and has agreed to be one of our next faculty members for this session of judicial college.
- We contracted for and received a literature review regarding the effectiveness of anti-harassment and anti-bias training techniques and trainings, focusing on preventing workplace harassment.
- Judge Glasgow has been working on helping to plan the Judicial Institute, which is a two-day clinic for selected fellows that helps to diversify the bench in Washington. To date, the Judicial Institute has had more than 40 fellows successfully take the bench. This also helps to satisfy a study recommendation.

Family Law Committee:

We had our first meeting on January 31, 2024. We discussed changes to our drafted charges and how to incorporate the 2021 Gender Justice Study recommendations making them our road map for our work going forward. We sent out a survey to the group on best meeting days and times landing on the fourth Thursday of every month at noon. If you know of anyone that you believe would be an important addition to this committee, please contact Karla Carlisle or Crissy Anderson.

Committee Charges:

1. Seek to eliminate gender-based bias and disparities within the family law system acknowledging that people most impacted by the gender disparities in our court system are Black, Indigenous, and women of color, LGBTQ+ people, people living in poverty, and those with disabilities;
2. Make recommendations for systemic change and the administration of Justice by promoting and carrying out the goals as defined in the 2021 Gender Justice Study, pilot studies, and reports produced by and for the Commission;
3. Identify the best evidence-based curricula and propose education topics for judicial officers to identify and address gender and race bias in family law;
4. Make recommendations for research and funding needed to promote gender equity in the application of the law in family law proceedings;
5. Maintain liaison relationships with relevant partner entities addressing gender equity issues in the law and justice community;
6. Provide feedback as needed regarding proposed legislation consistent with GJC goals directives; and
7. Maintain communication with the Gender and Justice Commission regarding goals and activities.

Work Plan Addendum:

1. Improving data collection in the family law system to ensure collection and distribution of accurate, specific data, disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, and LGBTQ+ status;
2. Improving access to the family law system by expanding remote access, increasing access to legal help, reducing communication barriers, and ensuring the courts treat all court users in a trauma-responsive manner;
3. Reduce the reliance on revenue from court users to fund the courts by proposing a change to GR 34 to clarify that the fee waiver applies to any fees imposed in obtaining relief in a family law matter (i.e. parenting classes, GALs, family law facilitators, and other family law costs and fees) while at the same time working to streamline the procedure to obtain a fee waiver, and promoting courts to adopt electronic filings and submission of documents; and
4. Identify the best evidence-based curricula for judicial and legal education in gender and race bias.

Incarceration, Gender and Justice Committee:

- Committee members continue to work on ongoing projects involving the legacy education event at Mission Creek, resources for the judiciary regarding crafting trauma-informed parenting plans for children of incarcerated parents, and potential changes to response deadlines for incarcerated individuals involved in family law cases.
- After meeting and strategizing with DOC, the committee is hoping to create a joint action plan regarding areas of overlap between the GIPA report and the 2021: How Gender and Race Affect Justice Now report to guide concrete action in the next year.
- Committee members are excited to be involved in the upcoming *Women of Power Summit: Women's Justice Pathways Mapping Session*, a one-day community event regarding justice-involved women. The group will engage in mapping exercises aimed at improve outcomes among women, children, families and communities before, during and after incarceration.

Legislative Committee:

The Legislative Committee has been meeting weekly during Legislative session, reviewing bills that may 1) impact the administration of justice and directly relates to a recommendation from the 2021 Gender Justice Study or to the work of a GJC standing committee, or 2) impacts the intersection of gender and race, poverty, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, and/or other identities within the legal system.

Tribal State Consortium:

- **TSCC Scholarships:**

- Judicial College: The TSCC, with assistance from Gender and Justice Commission and Equity and Access Program provided four scholarships to assist tribal judges in attending 2024 Judicial College. Judges came from Colville, Yakama, Tulalip and Nooksack.

- A tentative date has been set for the **spring regional meeting**: Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Location: Central, WA. More details will be forthcoming.

- The TSCC, with support of GJC and MJC has sent a letter of support for [SB 6146](#): Concerning Tribal Warrants.

-Status (2/27): Currently in the house on second reading

Access to Justice Board

- The Access to Justice Board will be recruiting for three new board members. The application hasn't opened yet, but interested individuals can reach out to Brynn Felix for information.



Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission Implementation Committee Report

March 1, 2024

The Implementation Committee continues to track the implementation status of recommendations from the 2021 Gender Justice Study and continues to engage with a broad range of stakeholders whose work is informed by- and aligned with the Study recommendations. We continue to work within the judicial branch, with legislative and executive branches and agencies at the state, county, and municipal levels, and with service providers and legal and advocacy organizations on multiple areas of need identified by the study, such as: improving and standardizing data collection in general and around demographics in particular; enhancing access to justice and minimizing barriers and biases in areas of domestic violence and sexual assault, criminal justice, juvenile justice, and family law; and developing related training materials, educational sessions, and law school curricula.

Much of the work to implement the study is nestled within the work of the standing GJC committees: Legislative Committee, Education Committee, Incarceration, Gender and Justice Committee, Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee, and Tribal State Court Consortium (please see committee reports respectively). To ensure we continue to pursue many of the recommendations pertaining to fee barriers and family law barriers, the GJC has added a standing Family Law Committee. GJC is also recruiting additional judicial externs to help with implementation of recommendations, evaluating proposed legislation, and equity-based projects and research. Lastly, by the end of 2024 we are looking to generate a status report on the Study and looking into the possibility of hiring a dedicated researcher for that purpose.

The Washington State Center for Court Research continues to provide substantial research and support to further examine and address the data gaps identified in the Study, for example:

- An ongoing pilot study in 4-5 counties to map how and why WA courts collect/engage with demographic data. The study is expected to be completed in April, and is intended, amongst other things, to help us identify next steps in connection with the gaps in demographic data on the J&S Forms and in the Caseload Forecast Council reporting.
- WSCCR is working with several juvenile courts to pilot collecting SOGIE data.
- WSCCR may have opportunities to collaborate with other states, such as Missouri, who are studying racial and ethnic disparities within their criminal justice system and identified similar data issues as our 2021 Study.

We continue to engage with many partners throughout WA who are similarly informed by the Study goals and recommendation including (to name but a few recent examples):

- The WA State DOH and the Office of Equity are working on data standardization and on guidance around collecting SOGIE data.
- CCYJ policy and advocacy work around youth trafficking and sexual exploitation and around juvenile LFOs.
- Outreach to Justice for Girls to possibly develop needs assessments and training modules.

- WashPOP data systems integration efforts out of UW (see presentation to GJC in Jan. meeting).
- Steps to establish a UW Center on IPV Research, Policy and Practice informed by- and responsive to the needs of survivors and others impacted by IPV in Washington.

Moving forward, we anticipate phasing out the ad-hoc Implementation Committee in its current form. In addition to the standing GJC committees, will be asking our commissioners to help us liase with our governmental, non-governmental, legal, and community partners to implement the Study and to help GJC track implementation efforts throughout Washington. More information coming.

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As the 2024 legislative session continues, the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ) continues to co-lead ESSB 5974 calling forth the full elimination of young people’s fines and fees debt *before* July 2023. This has now made its way and passed through both legislative chambers, which is a major accomplishment towards formally removing past court fines and fees debt imposed on youth, deeming them “null and void”. This language is essential to remove the fines from the Court administrative records, and the collateral consequences of collection agencies efforts to collect payment or youth making further payments towards past debt unknowingly. ESSB 5974 removes significant barriers for young people related to housing, education, and employment opportunities. The next step in the process will be the Governor’s review and consideration for signature.

CCYJ has also closely followed SHB 2076 which would have reauthorized the Washington Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Coordinating Committee, but it did not make it through the cut-off in time. To keep this moving forward, 2SSB 6006, which focuses on many supports for victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse, has amended the SHB 2076 language which includes the language on the CSEC Statewide Coordinating Committee. This gives the committee another chance to be statutorily re-authorized this session. 2SSB 6006 currently has an Executive Session on 2/26/24 in the House in the Appropriations Committee.

Gender and Justice Commission

2024 Meeting Dates

Virtual Meetings held via Zoom Videoconference

Date	Time	Location
January 19th	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference
March 1st	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference
May 10th	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	In-Person AOC SeaTac Office
September 13 st	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	In-Person AOC SeaTac Office
November 8th	9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Zoom Videoconference

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