



Gender and Justice Commission (GJCOM)
SeaTac Office
18000 International Blvd
Friday, January 26, 2018 (8:45 AM – 12:00 PM)

MEETING NOTES

Present: Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Chair; Judge Marilyn Paja, Vice Chair, Judge Cindy K. Smith, Ms. Gail Stone, Judge Eric Lucas, Ms. Josie Delvin, Ms. Patty Eakes, Ms. Heather McKimmie, Ms. Jennifer Ritchie, Justice Susan Owens, Ms. Sonia M. Rodriguez True, Ms. Grace Huang, Judge Michael Evans, Dr. Dana Raigrodski, Ms. Trish Kinlow, Ms. Gail Hammer, Ms. Vicky Vreeland, Mr. Sal Mungia (ATJ Board Liaison), Ms. Erin Moody

Guests: Ms. Laura Edmonston, Ms. Claire Carden, Ms. Jacqueline Franklin, Ms. Sharon James, Ms. Yein Pyo

AOC Staff: Ms. Kelley Amburgey-Richardson, Ms. Nichole Kloepfer

Excused: Judge Richard Melnick, Ms. Leslie Savina, Ms. Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, Judge Anita Crawford Willis

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:50am.

November 3, 2017 Meeting Notes

Minutes approved and passed unanimously as presented.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Justice Gordon McCloud introduced new member Erin Moody and new ATJ Board Liaison Sal Mungia.
- Several guests were also present who were interested in committee work.
- All members went around the table and introduced themselves and shared their role on the Commission.

COMMITTEE & PROJECT UPDATES

Incarcerated Women and Girls Committee – Ms. Gail Stone, Chair

- Follow-ups from Court Access Convening
 - A written report from the five working groups is in the meeting packet on Page 8.
 - Access to Legal Resources and Law Libraries Workgroup – Laura Edmonston, Lead
 - This working group has created an interim report on access policies and resources available, rules and regulations. Still a lot they don't know.
- Legal Resource Kiosks
 - G&J supported a grant that Northwest Justice Project applied for a few years ago to purchase kiosks for the minimum security facilities that do not have access to a law library.

- NJP submitted the list of websites to be approved for access via kiosk to DOC, but they have not been approved or denied and the project has not moved forward.
- NJP staff have had conversations with new DOC leadership, who seem supportive.
- They may need assistance from GJCOM to continue to move this forward, and will keep the Commission in the loop.

ACTION: Kelley Amburgey-Richardson will distribute the report prepared by Laura Edmonston.

Communications Committee – Judge Paja, Chair

- Women’s History Month event planning
 - Commissioners who were interested in working on this event met via phone and shared their thoughts about how the event should move forward.
 - The event does not reach legislators. If this is the goal, the Commission should look at alternatives and take the time to seek input and plan a different type of event.
 - The full Commission needs to make a decision about whether to hold the regular event in March this year. It would traditionally be held after the March 2nd GJCOM meeting. Alternatives include: an event later in the year, a planning year and a large event next March, or a new type of event or partnership (e.g., the Color of Justice).
 - **DECISION:** After a group discussion, Justice Gordon McCloud recommended not holding the event this year and conducting intensive planning for an event that meets the Commission’s needs better next year.
 - The mailing list from the Court Access Convening may be helpful for reaching out to potential attendees.
 - The Committee will meet to discuss other possibilities for recognizing Women’s History Month this year, including:
 - Co-sponsorship of a CLE event with WWL
 - Local presentations by Commissioners on Women in WA history, using a presentation that Justice Gordon McCloud has developed
- Please send photos of any G&J related events you attend or host for the Annual Report.

ACTION: The committee will meet to discuss how to recognize Women’s History Month this year, and the best path forward for a large event next year.

Education Committee – Committee & Staff

- Judicial College – DV Session & Firearms Webinar
 - This session will take place on 1/31/18. Faculty are Judge Lori Kay Smith and Judge Charles Short.
 - A webinar on firearms was recorded as a supplement to this session. It will also be available on the GJCOM website for any judicial officer as a refresher course on this issue.
 - More webinars on other topics are in development.
- Appellate Conference
 - The session on Collateral Consequences is on track. This program will be presented at the end of March.

- SCJA Conference sessions
 - Two GJCOM proposals were accepted and both are in the planning process. Plenary session.
 - Immigration's Impact on the Judiciary (jointly sponsored with other Commissions)
 - Note: Sal Mungia would be interested in a short version of this presentation to the ATJ Board.
 - Court Access for Incarcerated Parents
- DMCJA Conference session
 - Technology Misuse in DV Cases, Part 2
 - This session was requested by participants in last year's Part 1 session.
 - The same presenter from the National Network to End Domestic Violence's Safety Net Project is on board and planning will begin soon.
 - This topic is also very relevant for young people.
- DMCMA Line Staff Conference
 - Trish Kinlow reported that there will be a session on Transgender Issues in the Courts.
- Fall Conference
 - Three proposals were submitted:
 - The Brain Explains: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Addressing Childhood Adversities
 - Procedural Justice: Fair Treatment Matters
 - Immigration's Impact on the Judiciary (jointly sponsored with other Commissions)
 - The Immigration and Procedural Justice proposals were accepted.
 - The proposals can be found in the meeting packet starting on Page 9.

Reports from Liaisons

- Washington Women Lawyers, Jennifer Ritchie
 - The WSBA has a Women's History month CLE that WWL is co-sponsoring.
 - Jennifer will reach out to the WWL president to see if GJCOM could co-sponsor the CLE.
 - WWL is also in discussion with the Washington Initiative for Diversity about the Legal Executive Summit in May.
 - Friday, October 12, 2018, is the next WWL annual meeting in Seattle. G&J Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

ACTION: Jennifer Ritchie will connect the WWL President with Kelley Amburgey-Richardson re: potential co-sponsorship of the Women's History Month CLE.

- Access to Justice Board, Sal Mungia
 - The ATJ state plan 2018-2020 expands civil legal aid.
 - Some of the goals are to: provide and foster race equity, provide education to the public, including how to recognize when their problems are legal problems.
 - Access to Justice Conference will take place in June 2019.

Gender Bias Study

- Funding update
 - The National Center for State Courts has agreed to help GJCOM apply for a State Justice Institute grant to conduct the study.
 - The application is due May 1st. NCSC will be conducting intensive work with the GJCOM working group before then, including an in-person meeting February 2nd.
 - Additional information can be found in the letter and timeline from NCSC in the packet on Page 18.

Domestic & Sexual Violence Committee

- Proposed new committee name
 - At a recent in-person meeting, the committee discussed options and determined that the Domestic and Sexual Violence Committee (DSV) would best reflect the work the committee intends to do.
 - **DECISION:** Judge Paja asked approval from the Commission for this change, and the Commission approved.
- Report back from in person meeting
 - The committee met in December, and welcomed new members.
 - Guest speakers from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs reported on WASPC's implementation of a bill passed last session that requires federal firearms licensed dealers to report denied firearms transactions.
 - This was a productive meeting where the committee had the opportunity to discuss in depth the projects it would like to take on in the next year. The next step is for the committee to prioritize projects.
- Need for Chair/Project leads
 - In order to move the projects forward, this committee needs a Chair and/or project leads for its selected projects.
 - Please consider this, and contact Judge Paja or Kelley if you are interested.

Tribal State Court Consortium

- Regional meeting updates
 - Several tribes have offered to host this year's regional meeting. The planning committee will meet next month to discuss options.
- Planning committee meeting
 - The planning committee will meet on 2/14/18 at SeaTac to select a location and focus for the regional meeting. This year, the topic will be related to domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
 - The planning committee is also developing a work plan for the year, and an outreach strategy to seek input from tribes across the state.
 - Judge Smith reported that cross jurisdictional protection order enforcement is an issue.
 - Access to the criminal database is also an issue. The Department of Justice has made an on ramp so tribes can enter and access the information. This is in implementation stages.

HB 1163 DV Workgroups

- Report back from second meeting
 - The DV Perpetrator Treatment and Risk Assessment workgroups met for their second quarterly in-person meeting on December 12, 2017.
- The workgroups continue to meet via phone between in-person meetings and are making substantial progress toward the tasks assigned in the bill.
- A legislative report will be submitted by the end of June 2018.
- Trish Kinlow has input for the Co-Chairs of this group about the DV treatment WACs and will contact Judges Lucas and Paja. Courts providing DV MRT need to be considered.

CHAIR & STAFF REPORTS

Chair Report – Justice Gordon McCloud

- Membership update
 - Ms. Erin Moody has joined GJCOM as our newest appointed Commissioner. Her letter of interest and resume can be found in the packet Appendix.
- SB 5831 – Concurrently Involved Girls
 - SB 5831 is sponsored by Senator Jeannie Darneille, who chairs the Senate Committee on Human Services and Corrections. The bill can be found in the packet on Page 20.
 - The bill requires WSIPP to conduct a study on the needs of girls who are concurrently involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems in WA.
 - After the study is complete, the bills charges the Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families to convene a workgroup with the Commission to review the study and make recommendations for implementation.
 - The workgroup would be required to report to the legislature by December 2019.
 - G&J has requested funding to support its participation, should the bill pass.
 - The bill is currently in the Senate Ways & Means Committee.
- Legislative Report
 - Kelley Amburgey-Richardson has prepared a report of legislation that may be of interest the Commission.
 - Commissioners expressed interest in receiving the report and in the Chairs providing guidance about the purpose of distributing the report and what type of discussion is appropriate.

Vice Chair Report – Judge Paja

- The Washington Pattern Instruction Committee adopted revisions to the opening and concluding instructions for jury duty as relates to gender, race, poverty, and disability.
- Judge Paja is serving as faculty on a Minority & Justice Commission sponsored judicial education program on *Batson*.

Staff Report – Kelley Amburgey-Richardson

- New STOP Grant year

- GJCOM has been awarded a similar amount of funding to last year. The funding must be expended during calendar year 2018.
- A draft budget is in the packet on Page 29. The budget can be adjusted during the year to account for unknown expenses.
- Committee Listservs
 - If you are not receiving committee emails, please tell Kelley what committee you want to join so she can add you to their listserv. This is how you will receive notice of meetings and be able to participate in committee work.
 - New members should select a committee, and other members can adjust committee membership if needed.
 - Patty Eakes requested to be added to the Gender Bias Study Committee.

Miscellaneous Reports

- Dr. Raigrodski noted that Monday Feb 12, 4-5:30pm, University of Washington is hosting a Legal Financial Obligations panel. She will send Kelley the information to distribute.
- Grace Huang reported that amendments to the Violence against Women Act will be happening in the next 2-3 months. She will distribute more information via email.
- Justice Gordon McCloud and Vicky Vreeland both wrote articles in the Washington State Trial Newsletter.

ACTION: Information about the above reports will be distributed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00pm.