

Education Subcommittee
Teleconference
Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees: Judge Gregory D. Sypolt, Vice Chairperson, Ms. Ann E. Benson, Former Judge Donald J. Horowitz, Ms. P. Diane Schneider, Judge Vicki J. Toyohara, and Monto Shan Morton as Staff.

- I. The Subcommittee reviewed the 2009 meeting schedule. Meetings are to be held every second Wednesday of every other month at 4:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

- II. Project Status Report

- A. 2010 SCJA Conference Session – two education proposals have been drafted and submitted to Justice Charles W. Johnson, Commission Chairperson, for approval prior to sending to the SCJA Education Committee which meets the second Wednesday of each month. Their latest meeting was held August 12, 2009.

Both proposals have not yet been fully approved because Judge LeRoy McCullough, Education Subcommittee Chairperson, and Justice Johnson have yet to discuss certain details of the proposals, thus the proposals haven't received their approval. They will most likely discuss this in the coming week.

Following a full discussion and careful consideration, this subcommittee unanimously approved a motion made by Judge Donald Horowitz and second by Judge Vicki Toyohara, strongly recommending that the proposal on Immigration and Customs Enforcement Bureau (ICE) and the Criminal Justice System (CJS) be submitted to the SCJA Education Committee after any changes by Justice Johnson and Judge McCullough. The subcommittee intends that the session will focus on providing judges and court administrators with legal and factual information and background and create a venue for discussion in light of the constitutional and legal duties of the courts.

Likewise, after discussion and careful consideration, the subcommittee unanimously approved a motion made by Judge Horowitz and second by Judge Toyohara strongly recommending that the proposal concerning legal financial obligations (LFOs) be submitted to the SCJA Education Committee.

The subcommittee unanimously agreed that both topics described above are highly relevant and important, significantly involve minorities in the justice system, and are well within the mission and scope of the Minority and Justice Commission.

- B. 2009 Institute for New Court Employees Conference Session (INCE) – the 2009 INCE will be held October 19-21, 2009, at St. Martin's University, Worthington Conference Center

in Olympia, Washington. The Commission's educational session is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009, from 2:50 to 5:00 p.m. This is a plenary session with an estimated 50 attendees.

It was previously decided to contract with Peggy Nagae Consulting the 2009 INCE session. Ms. Peggy Nagae and Ms. Benita Horn have confirmed their participation. An Educational Service Agreement (ESA) will be drawn for signature by Ms. Peggy Nagae and Justice Charles W. Johnson.

The subcommittee has requested that learning outcomes be recommended for the 2009 INCE session and submitted to Mr. Morton. Information below is provided to help members determine their outcome recommendations.

The 2008 INCE session was titled, "Bridges to Cultural Competency in the Courts." The following learning outcomes were established for that session:

- Outcome 1: Understand what diversity is and is not.
- Outcome 2: Define cultural competence and its role in the administration of justice.
- Outcome 3: Recognize how diversity and cultural competence impact perceptions, behaviors and how we do our work.
- Outcome 4: Learn and practice key diversity and cultural competence communication skills.
- Outcome 5: Develop specific strategies to foster an inclusive court environment.

- C. 2010 Judicial College – The 2010 Judicial College is scheduled for the last week of January. The Commission has been given a slot to present an educational session for new judges, and the date and time is to be determined.

The 2009 Judicial College session was titled, "Enhancing Cultural Competency in the Courts." The following learning outcomes were established for that session:

- Outcome 1: Learn more about cultural competence within the administration of justice.
- Outcome 2: Explore perceptions and judgments that inhibit cultural competency.
- Outcome 3: Use tools to practice the role of judicial officers as the leader/coach for cultural competence in the courtroom.
- Outcome 4: Sustain what is learned in this session by transferring knowledge and skills back to the courtroom.

- D. 2010 DMCJA and DMCMA Joint Conference – The conference is tentatively scheduled for May. The subcommittee requests that members send proposed education session topics to Mr. Morton.

Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.