WASHINGTON COURTS

June 24, 2016

TO: JISC Data Dissemination Committee

FROM: Stephanie Happold, AOC Data Dissemination Administrator

RE: DCH Screen Recommendation

BACKGROUND

During the Data Dissemination Committee's (DDC) April 22 meeting, several members questioned why the Defendant Case History (DCH) screen was still active in JIS. It was their understanding that court users were instructed to stop using the DCH screen due to it possibly containing incomplete information, and to use JABS instead. Members questioned the continued availability of the screen and moved to have it disabled because of the concern that court users and judicial partners would rely on possible inaccurate information. The DDC unanimously recommended the disabling of the JIS DCH screen and directed DDA Happold to take their recommendation to AOC Leadership, which took place on May 16. Also, several AOC staff members met with Judge Wynne to discuss the issue further.

This brief memo is to present concerns regarding the removal of the DCH screen and to also update the DDC on the Expedited Data Exchange (EDE) governance committee and its authority and purpose during the EDE project.

CONCERNS ABOUT REMOVING THE DCH SCREEN FROM JIS

The DCH screen in JIS is used for more than just case history. Removing the screen will cause substantial impacts to the courts as it is also used for case management and case navigation.[1] Also, there are many more screens that would be impacted if this decision to remove the DCH is to be made consistently, such as the individual case history, individual order history, domestic violence inquiry, and family relationship history screens. Additionally, some JCS and ASRA functionality would need to be disabled, and the JCS sentencing calculations would be effected. Furthermore, though it is in the EDE project to increase the capacity of JABS, there has been no performance testing on JABS for sustaining this type of load that disabling the DCH screen would cause. Also, there is no training plans for this kind of transition.

[1] Examples can be provided at the June 24 meeting.

EDE PROJECT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Instead of an immediate disabling of the DCH screen, the AOC recommends a delay of this action as the EDE project is analyzing this issue in relation to King County District Court (KCDC) going to its own case management system. A group has been formed called the "Expedited Data Exchange JIS Systems Changes Governance Committee"[2] that is the governing body under the EDE project and will exist as long as the project needs mitigation input. The following associations have members belonging to the EDEGC:

- DMCJA
- SCJA
- DMCMA
- MCA
- WAJCA
- AWSCA
- WSACC

The EDEGC members were chosen by the various associations as experienced users of JIS and/or JABS.

The EDEGC will be a voting committee charged with making decisions on options and recommendations provided by AOC to mitigate the impacts to existing JIS systems when KCDC and other courts leave the statewide applications. It will address impacts to JIS and JABS screens, person matching rules, and data validation rules. This will include any concerns regarding the DCH and other similar screens. The EDEGC will also address the question of location and number of warning messages on various JIS screens. Based on earlier feedback from the EDEGC, it is likely there will be warning messages in multiple locations, such as the home screen, the affected screens, and printouts of those screens. The AOC will ask the EDEGC to begin voting on mitigations for a number of screens at their next meeting on June 22. The work decided upon will be done as part of the EDE project.

Because this voting group has been created for the EDE Project, the AOC staff respectfully requests that the DDC delay or withdrawal its recommendation to disable the DCH screen to allow for the Expedited Data Exchange JIS Systems Changes Governance Committee to review the issue in more detail.

[2] For purposes of this memo, the Committee will be referred to as the EDEGC; however, that is not its official acronym.