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Re Proposed Rule Change to JISCR 13

Dear Justice Madsen

King County Superior Court is committed to providing JIS with accurate, robust data so that law enforcement and other courts and agencies have complete data and can do their jobs and protect the citizens of Washington State. We enthusiastically received and supported Justice Fairhurst's earlier correspondence recognizing that data exchange is "critically important" and "JISC's highest priority initiative".

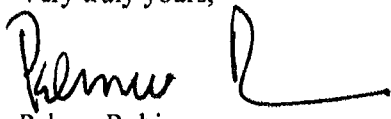
It seems to me there may be some confusion between the Tyler Odyssey product and the concept of data exchange. The fact that King County Superior Court determined that the Odyssey product does not meet our current needs, much less our needs in 2018, for a case management system does not mean we are any less committed to providing data to JIS. That is why we feel it so important that the first priority be a data hub capable of receiving and "translating" data from and to SCOMIS and Tyler and the systems of the other partners in the criminal justice system.

Unless and until there is a data hub, the King County Clerk's office will be forced to hire at least an additional 31 FTEs, at a cost in excess of two and a quarter million dollars a year, to do duplicate data entry. King County District Court's expenses will be even higher than this. Those are resources King County does not have. I suspect the other courts that have elected to implement their own case management systems rather than opt for a state-wide solution are in the same position. Together, those courts comprise more than 40% of the filings in Washington State.

The proposed changes to JISCR 13, particularly paragraph (b), jeopardize the full exchange of meaningful information by requiring courts to get approval from JISC 12 months before the purchase or acquisition of software or services. That timeframe is not simply workable. Articulating data standards, without a data hub, gets us further from the goal of an exchange of meaningful information, rather than closer to it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to JISCR 13.

Very truly yours,


Palmer Robinson

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Good morning.

Attached is a letter to Justice Barbara Madsen from Judge Palmer Robinson.

Thank you.

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