



Board for Judicial Administration (BJA)

Strategic Initiative Charter

COURT RECOVERY TASK FORCE

I. Title:

BJA Court Recovery Task Force

II. Authority:

Board for Judicial Administration (BJAR) Rule 1

III. Goal:

The goal of this strategic initiative is to address court impacts from COVID-19.

IV. Charge, Deliverables and End Date:

The BJA Court Recovery Task Force is formed to assess current court impacts from COVID-19; develop and implement strategies to ensure that every court can provide fair, timely, and accessible justice; and provide recommendations for ongoing court operations and recovery after the public health emergency subsides.

The Task Force shall:

- a. Assess court impacts from COVID-19 and address court needs as they arise.
- b. Identify key court functions impacted by COVID-19.
- c. Review and compile key court responses, community impacts, and partner responses to COVID-19.
- d. Identify strategies to recover key court functions and adapt to changing needs.

- e. Identify lessons learned and future policy, practice, and court technology considerations, opportunities for improvement, and promising practices.
- f. Develop and implement recommendations for recovery efforts.
- g. Provide ongoing reports to the BJA on task force efforts and identify future task force or ongoing committee work.

This charter shall expire on June 30, 2022.

V. Membership:

Following is a recommended membership list. Final membership will be determined by the Co-chair(s) of the task force.

Chairs:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
Superior Court Judges' Association representative
District and Municipal Court Judges' Association representative

Membership:

- Two representatives from Superior Court Judges Association
- Two representatives from the District and Municipal Court Judges' Association (one Municipal court judge and one District court judge)
- One Appellate Court representative and Supreme Court
- One representative from the Association of Washington Superior Court Administrators
- One representative from District and Municipal Court Management Association
- One representative from the Washington Association of Juvenile Court Administrators
- One representative from the Washington State Association of County Clerks
- AOC State Court Administrator
- One representative from Office of Civil Legal Aid
- One representative from Office of Public Defense

VI. Entities to Consult or Coordinate with:

- Washington State Center for Court Research
- Supreme Court Commissions
- Washington State Association of Counties
- Washington State Bar Association

- Association of Washington Cities
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
- Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
- Defenders Associations
- Public Health entities
- National court organizations such as NCSC, AJA, NACM, etc.
- BJA standing Committees

VII. Staff Support:

The Task Force shall be provided support by:

- BJA Administrative Manager
- BJA Senior Court Program Analyst
- BJA administrative support

VIII. Budget:

Support for travel and meeting expenses shall be provided from funds allocated to the BJA by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Adopted: 05/08/2020