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Statewide ADR Commission
Summary – June 15, 2012
John E. Brown Juvenile Justice Center, Albuquerque, NM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Justice Edward Chavez called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He noted that the ADR Summit was hugely successful. He reported that at the Judicial Conclave he had the opportunity to talk with many of the judges who attended the Summit and that we were ready to move on. The research has been conducted and is in place; we are in a position to adopt guidelines, best practices and rules, and that we can begin a marketing effort. David Smoak has agreed to chair a Marketing subcommittee and the interest is in a proposal to the January 2013 budget committee for a proposal to fund and education DVD for the courts, litigants and others with written materials to accompany the DVD for those who cannot access the technology.

Justice Chavez notes that the budget request is due to the AOC by July 7th and to the Budget Committee by August. He also indicated an interest in asking for money to compensate Commissioners for travel expenses.

Justice Chavez indicated that we will reconvene or form subcommittees at this meeting and they will meet in July and report back to the Commission at a meeting in August.

II. Report from the ADR Summit

David Levin reported back from the Summit surveys and from the follow-up meetings with the Summit Planning Committee, Justice Chavez, and the Ohio guests. From the follow-up meeting these suggestions emerged: look at local rules; create a pilot project; have another summit with more local participants; decide on a tangible outcome and deliver it; consider a video on mediation.

From the Survey, 9 districts asked for assistant; 26 surveys indicating an interest in mediator training; and 24 surveys indicated an interest in help with marketing and connecting with their communities. Handouts are attached to these minutes.

Other findings included increasing communicating around the state, possible by having a more inclusive list serve, an expanded website, and/or teleseminars with court staff.

III. Meeting Outcomes

Three subcommittees were convened:

- Standards which will include program standards, mediator qualifications and best practices.
- Marketing which will focus on one initial project: produce a DVD to educate courts, attorneys, and litigant about mediation.
- Pilot program subcommittee to explore initiating a program with measurable outcomes.

- Subcommittee Chairs and Members are listed in the Attachment.

Districts that requested assistance on their Summit questionnaires were reviewed and Commissioners in their region were assigned to them. The assignments are:

- Celia Ludi, 1st Judicial District
- Susan Laughlin, Marsha Lichtenstein – 3rd Judicial District
- Justice Chavez – 12th Judicial District
- Kevin Spears and David Smoak – 9th Judicial District, including Legal Aid – Matt Rowland
- Mari Gish – 7th Judicial District
- Sara Stevens – 10th Judicial District
- Sara Stevens – 4th Judicial District
- Marsha Lichtenstein, Susan Barnes-Anderson, and Mari Gish – Magistrate Courts

- IV. A summary of the details of the discussion about the subcommittees and the rest of the agenda items is attached.
- V. Next Steps: The three subcommittees will meet in July and report back to the Commission at the meeting in August. Marsha Lichtenstein will coordinate the date and location and email Commissioners and others.

Meeting Attendees:

Members Present:

Justice Edward L. Chavez, Chair
Susan Barnes Anderson
Darcy Bushnell
Judge Duane Castleberry
John Feldman
Mari Gish
Jeff Griffith
Susan Laughlin

David Levin, Co-Chair
Celia Ludi
David Smoak
Sara Stevens
Kevin Spears
Judge Mark Sanchez
John T. Feldman

Members Absent:

Bruce Hall
Ty Trujillo
Paul Briones

Fred Sena
Donald Schutte

Guests:

Laura Bassein
Geoff Nims
Jeanette Martinez
Liz Jenkins
Philip Crump

Staff: Marsha Lichtenstein

Ira Bolnick
Susan Malone
Sue Thorsen
Jean Civikly-Powell
Pauline Artery

Attachments:

Detailed discussion notes
Summary of Summit Surveys