

Judicial Education Committee Meeting

Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Members Present:

Hon. Kimberly J. Bacon; Hon. Brian D. Cook, Magistrate; Hon. Darrin M. Dolehanty; Hon. Charnette D. Garner; Hon. A. Christopher Lee; Hon. Gretchen S. Lund (chair); Hon. Julie F. Flanigan, Magistrate; Hon. Elizabeth C. Hurley; Hon. Bruce Parent; Hon. Hunter J. Reece; Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg; Hon. Leslie C. Shively; and Hon. Charles K. Todd

Staff Members Present: Vicki Davis; Ashley Moise; Amy Elson; Kristyn Hill; Mary Mitchell; Paige Newland; Hon. Thomas J. Felts, Senior Judge; and Hon. Earl G. Penrod, Senior Judge

1. Call to Order

- a. Judge Lund called the meeting to order.

2. October 2023 Minutes

- a. Judge Parent moved to approve the October minutes; Judge Hurley seconded. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the October Minutes.

3. Past Program Review and Discussion

a. Winter Workshop 2023:

- i. Ashley Moise reported that 144 attended the Winter Workshop which explored AI and its impact on the judiciary. Many attendees reported that it was a timely topic and that they learned a lot; there were also many requests for more training, particularly on AI and evidence. The Committee members who attended enjoyed the program.

b. HEA 1006 Webinar:

- i. Amy Elson reported that this webinar was open to all justice stakeholders including healthcare workers, jail commanders, law enforcement, etc. The webinar, moderated by Justice Goff, explored the background of the new emergency detention statute as well as interpretation and best practices. The panel included representation from the judiciary, community mental health centers, law enforcement, and the legislature. Attendees appreciated the diverse perspectives. This topic will be expanded upon at the Spring Judicial College.

4. November 30th Education Committee Meeting Debrief and Action Items:

Detailed notes and a summary of the November 30th meeting are included with this meeting's materials. The Committee likes the idea of convening annually in-person to continue these in-depth discussions. For convenience, the tentative plan is to transform the October meeting date into a two-day, in-person meeting.

5. Wellness Subcommittee Update:

- a. Judge Bacon reported that the Wellness Subcommittee desires to “engage, educate, empower, and enhance the mental and physical health of all justice-serving teams by promoting and implementing programs to decrease stress, increase productivity, and promote better morale.”
- b. Ideas for incorporating wellness into conferences include: offering a moment of meditation and reflection to set the tone for plenary sessions; providing a relaxation room to ease overstimulation; and possibly utilizing calming apps or other resources to promote a healthy environment.
- c. Beyond conferences, another idea was to incorporate wellness tips and judicial officer “shout-outs” in the weekly bulletin. The shout-outs would recognize judicial officers’ community engagement and contributions to the judiciary, which would hopefully inspire and encourage others towards increased engagement.

6. **Spring Judicial College (April 9-11):** Ashley Moise reviewed the draft agenda. Topics will include navigating guilty pleas and sentences; remote hearings; HEA 1006; judicial wellbeing; domestic violence; civil law; impaired driving; evidence; family law, small claims, and an experiential learning opportunity.
7. **Master's Certificate Program Review:** Judge Penrod requested that the Committee review this program and explore ways to revitalize it at the October education meeting.
8. **2024 Meeting dates (1pm Eastern in Zoom)**
 - a. March 15
 - b. May 17
 - c. July 19
 - d. October 18

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Newland