

Minutes
Court Statistics & Workload Committee Meeting
January 31, 2014
Tampa, FL

The Honorable Paul Alessandroni, Chair

9:04 am Meeting convened

Seven of the sixteen members were in attendance:

The Honorable Paul Alessandroni, The Honorable G. Keith Cary, The Honorable David H. Foxman, The Honorable Ilona M. Holmes, The Honorable Ellen S. Masters, Mr. Philip G. Schlissel, & Mr. Fred Buhl

Members absent:

The Honorable Shelley J. Kravitz, The Honorable J. Preston Silvernail (retired), The Honorable Barbara T. Scott (resigned), The Honorable Sharon Robertson, Ms. Diane Kirigin, Ms. Holly Elomina, Ms. Kathleen R. Pugh, Mr. David Trammell, & Mr. Grant Slayden

OSCA Staff in attendance:

Greg Youchock, P.J. Stockdale, Shelley Kaus, Kimberly Curry, & Patty Harris

Item I. Welcome

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Item II. Committee Housekeeping

A. Minutes from 10/11/2013 Meeting

1. Since a quorum was not reached, members agreed to take an email vote of the absent members.
2. The seven present members voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the 10/11/2013 meeting.
3. Four additional votes to adopt the minutes were received via email; therefore, the minutes of the 10/11/2013 meeting were formally adopted.

B. Travel Reimbursement

1. Staff provided information on travel reimbursement.

C. Revised Committee Protocols

1. A revised Protocol for Supreme Court Committees was published in December 2013 and provided to the members.

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2. The Chair suggested cooperation between this committee and the Florida Courts Technology Commission (FCTC) is important. Formal and informal liaison options for the future were discussed.
3. Staff informed that the FCTC agreed to send us meeting summaries soon after each FCTC meeting to help us keep abreast of their actions.

Item III. Judicial Workload Model (Case Weight) Review

A. Full Case Weight Study

1. Staff informed members about the possibility of conducting a full case weight review study as requested by the supreme court. Staff provided some background on previous studies, the methodology of the weighted workload model and discussed the potential impact on this study on the workload of judges and court staff.
2. Staff informed the members of various anticipated components of the full study: a judicial time study involving all twenty circuits, in-person and webinar-type trainings for judges and judicial assistants, and a review of the statute changes since 2006 that impact judicial requirements.

B. Results of the Event Proportion Recalculation

1. Staff presented an informational item on the effects of re-computing event proportions both on the case weights themselves and in terms of overall judicial FTEs.

C. Adjustment Modifier for the County Criminal and Misdemeanor Traffic Division

1. Staff presented the proposed County Criminal and Misdemeanor Traffic modifier and discussed the feedback received on this modifier by Chief Judges, TCAs and the supreme court. Members discussed various factors that could affect adjudicatory processes in different types of counties. Ideas about studying the processes and efficiencies in different court rooms to develop “Best Practices” were brainstormed. Staff noted that this fits into the Trial Court Performance & Accountability’s High Performing Courts Initiative.

Item IV. Performance Measures Required by Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.225(a)(2)

A. Project Review

1. Staff reminded members of the recommendations adopted by the committee on Feb. 1, 2013 to address this rule requirement.

B. Progress on CSWC Recommendations

1. Staff updated members on their progress concerning the four point plan advanced by the CSWC in February 2013 for implementing case age reporting.

C. Example of Case Age Data Collection

1. Staff made a presentation of the Foreclosure Performance Indicators Dashboard to showcase the information captured and calculated from this real-world implementation of the same data collection standards needed to

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compute case age statistics to satisfy Rule 2.225. The visual representation of this single division of court via the dashboard was used to demonstrate how the larger data collection for Rule 2.225 could be implemented for other divisions of court.

Item V. Status Reports (for information only)

1. Staff updated members on the status of a variety of projects of interest to the CSWC including:
 - A. Judicial Data Management Services (JDMS)
 - B. FY 2013-14 Foreclosure Initiative
 - C. Uniform Data Reporting – Court Interpreters Data Collection
 - D. Statutory and Rule Changes to Stalking Violence Reporting
 - E. Case Event Framework

Item VI. End of FY 2012-14 Term

- A. End of Term Report
 1. Staff will draft the CSWC's contribution to the End of Term Report for the Trial Court Performance and Accountability Commission (TCP&A) and circulate it for member approval.
- B. Supreme Court Reauthorization
 1. Staff will be working on the TCP&A reauthorization, which includes CSWC direction.
 2. Members were asked to submit ideas for projects or issues to be taken up in the next term.
- C. Next Term CSWC Membership
 1. The membership for the FY 2014-16 term must be designated by June 30, 2014.
 2. Current members were asked to notify staff if unable to continue serving on the committee, and/or to provide suggestions for new members.

Item VII. Next Meeting

1. Staff announced that the final meeting of the FY 2012-14 term would be a phone conference, planned for May 2014.
2. Members suggested the meeting be moved to April in order to precede the TCP&A meeting scheduled for the beginning of May, and staff agreed to poll members for their meeting date preference via email.

1:30 pm Meeting Adjourned