

Trial Court Budget Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2015
Telephone Conference



Attendance – Members Present

The Honorable Mark Mahon, Chair	Ms. Kathy Pugh
The Honorable Robert Roundtree, Vice Chair	The Honorable Anthony Rondolino
The Honorable Catherine Brunson	Mr. Grant Slayden
The Honorable Jeffrey Colbath	The Honorable Elijah Smiley
The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta	Mr. Walt Smith
Mr. Tom Genung	The Honorable Bertila Soto
The Honorable Robert Hilliard	The Honorable John Stargel
The Honorable Frederick Lauten	The Honorable Patricia Thomas
The Honorable Diana Moreland	Mr. Mark Weinberg
The Honorable Debra Nelson	
The Honorable Gregory Parker	

Attendance – Members Absent

Ms. Sandra Lonergan	The Honorable Margaret Steinbeck
The Honorable Wayne Miller	Ms. Robin Wright

Special Note: It is recommended that these minutes be used in conjunction with the meeting materials.

Chair Mahon called the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The roll was taken with a quorum present. Judge Mahon welcomed new TCBC member, Chief Judge Anthony Rondolino, of the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Agenda Item I: FY 2015-16 Additional Allocations – Case Management Resources

Issue #1: Resource Allocation

Kris Slayden reported on this agenda item stating that during the 2015 Special Legislative Session, the legislature appropriated an additional \$2.0 million in case management resources to the trial courts, which will fund 38.0 FTE Court Program Specialist II positions. Recognizing

that temporary case management resources from the foreclosure settlement funds will terminate on June 30, 2015, the additional case management FTE allocation to the circuits needed to be determined immediately, in the event circuits wanted to hire these OPS staff without a break in service.

Ms. Slayden provided two allocation options for consideration:

Option 1 – Allocate the 38.0 FTE by utilizing a minimum of 1.0 FTE per circuit, distributing a second FTE to those circuits with a net need greater than 1.0 FTE, and distributing the remaining FTEs to those circuits with the highest net need, as determined by the FY 2015-16 LBR Needs Assessment calculation.

Option 2 – Allocate the 38.0 FTE based on each circuit's percent of the total FTE net need as determined by the FY 2015-16 LBR Needs Assessment calculation and utilizing a floor of 0.5 FTE.

The members discussed a possible alternative funding methodology and ultimately agreed the discussion would need to be tabled for a later time due to the immediate need to allocate the new resources.

Judge Roundtree made a motion to approve Option 1. Judge Nelson seconded and the motion passed without objection.

Issue #2: Personnel Administration and Salary Management

Eric Maclure reviewed personnel administration and salary management policies to assist the circuits in hiring for the new case management positions and provided the following:

- Circuits may advertise and hire internally without external advertising if current foreclosure OPS or other court employees possess the requisite skills for the positions.
- If current OPS or other court employees do not possess the requisite skills or are not performing satisfactorily in their current positions, the circuit is not obligated to hire internally and may engage in normal recruitment practices.
- The hiring salary will be at the minimum of the pay range, and the position may be filled immediately without any holds for salary management purposes since these positions are new resources.

Judge Mahon thanked the members for their unanimous vote, which resulted in the best statewide outcome, even though some circuits may have fared better with Option 2.

Adjournment

With no other business before the commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.