

AGENDA
FRIEND OF THE COURT BUREAU
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Michigan Hall of Justice
925 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, Michigan

Friday, August 18 2017

1. Call to Order

2. Administrative Matters

- a. New Member Introductions
 - i. Lindsay Vogelsberg
 - ii. Guy Jacobson
- b. Review minutes from May 2017 – no amendments
- c. Correspondence as of last meeting (May 2017) – none

3. Public Comment

4. Old Business

- a. Domestic Violence Best Practices Guide Update – Progress is being made, about 1/3 of the guide has been submitted to various FOC and MDVPTB staff members for review. Still on task to have project complete by Winter 2017/early 2018.
- b. MFSC Training – SCAO Participation. *SCAO will be presenting at 10 sessions.*
- c. MCR 3.203, 3.208 and 3.216: Effective date September 1, 2017
 - i. **MCR 3.203:** Addition of Alternative Electronic Service
 - 1. A party may file an agreement with the FOC to authorize the FOC to serve notices and court documents on that party by email, text, or sending an email or text alerting the party to log into a secure website to view notices or court papers.
 - 2. FOC is not *required* to have functionality to do this nor does it have to accommodate more than one standard for alternative electronic service.
 - ii. **MCR 3.208:** Amended to represent the moving of the notice requirement to attorneys of record from MCR 3.208 to MCR 3.203.
 - iii. **MCR 3.216** – Domestic violence screening for courts considering ordering mediation in domestic violence cases.

5. New Business

- a. FOCB Update
 - i. Grant Projects Update
 - 1. Procedural Justice (PJAC) – Informed Alternatives to Contempt – Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) 1115 Grant – Muskegon Co.
 - a. PJAC is a five-year project with the goals to increase reliable payments, reduce arrears, minimize the need for continued enforcement actions and sanctions, and reduce the inappropriate use of contempt.
 - b. Focused on parents who owe child support arrears who would normally be scheduled for contempt action. Grantee should have “exhausted readily available enforcement remedies typically applied in the jurisdiction.”
 - c. Grant was awarded October 2016, program is in Year 1 (development), this includes a site visit and training from the OCSE.
 - d. OCS is administrator of the grant, however, SCAO is involved in developing domestic violence prevention and screening protocols for the

project's use. The hope is to then take the protocols and develop them into a state-wide model (currently recommend use of the ADR/Mediation Screening tool)

2. Safe and Secure – Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board

- a. Grant is from the former Family Justice Grant
 - b. Courts selected: Washtenaw, Kent, Saginaw
 - c. Under the new grant terms, there must also be a court related systems change element. The Board took the element of the Safe & Together Model and asked David Mandel to write a new curriculum for Friend of the Court workers, custody evaluators and court personnel.
 - d. Next meeting: Tuesday August 22, 2017
- ii. Partner Forum (November 15) – will include an Incarceration Simulation: Request from members that the training also include a discussion on what resources are available for FOC's to be able to provide helpful information to the incarcerated population.
 - iii. SCAO Administrative Memoranda 2017-02: Administrative Abatement or Redirection of Child Support – release August 2, 2017
- b. OCS Policies and Reminders – Eight new IV-D Memorandums since June. Please review Mi-support for text of memoranda.
 - c. Standing Agenda Items for Update
 - i. Legislative Update
 - ii. Case Law Update

6. Closing

- a. Members Closing Comments
- b. Adjourn

Next meeting scheduled: November 17, 2017 @ 1 p.m., Hall of Justice in Lansing.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

November 17, 2017

2018 Schedule

February 16, 2018

May 18, 2018

August 17, 2018

November 16, 2018