

ATJ Board  
DELIVERY SYSTEM COMMITTEE  
November 19, 2010  
Washington State Bar Association  
10 – 12:30

Present: Co-chairs Kirsten Barron and Dan Gottlieb, Steve Larsen, Patty Duckstad, Alex Doolittle, Pam Feinstein, Threesa Milligan, Jorge Barón, Laurie Powers (by phone), Jim Bamberger (by phone), John Midgley, Anne Lee, Andrea Axel, Harold Daniels (by phone), Larry Weiser (by phone), César Torres (by phone), Joan Fairbanks, Diana Singleton, Caitlin Davis Carlson

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Discussion of DSC priority on pro bono : Pam, Jim and John Midgley provided a history of the Washington State Civil Legal Aid Delivery System and the ATJ Board's State Plan. Steve Larsen described WSBA's new Moderate Means Program, which is a partnership with the state's three law schools. Clay Wilson has been hired by SU School of Law. WSBA is in the process of hiring a Public Service Manager to staff the program on the WSBA side and to support WSBA pro bono efforts. The WSBA Foundation will be looking at how to continue to support these projects. PBLAC is planning a May Bar News issue on pro bono and is looking at a pilot project for connecting urban attorneys with rural clients. PBLAC is also discussing revisions to RPC 6.1.

There are Issues of training, pay and benefits as articulated in the State Plan. There are not current efforts to establish a statewide support center, but some of the statewide functions are being handled by WSBA, LFW and NJP. We do need to continue planning for a time when funding becomes available, and how we can develop more systemic support for pro bono programs and lawyers. There needs to be a stronger bridge between pro bono and legal aid programs. Is there a way to address the needs of new lawyers without jobs while providing pro bono service? There needs to be training on board development and program structure and management.

Recommendations: (1) Keep the statewide support center on the radar. (2) Continue to work on the development of appropriate training and program support. (3) Given the potential loss of resources, we may need to think about a new structure for the delivery of pro bono services. This discussion should happen now – not later. We should consider convening broader workgroups to discuss structural issues. (4) What are the needs of the whole client population and how can they be addressed? There must be an Alliance-wide discussion of clients needs and who in the Alliance can address them.

Internal scheduling of videoconferencing by NJP: Kirsten reported that to use the NJP/CLS conferencing capability, you must call each office and reserve the room and equipment and then call Sue Enchermerman to schedule the actual bridge call. Comments include: it is difficult to use; pro bono programs generally know it is available.

Possible uses of the new WSBA CLE facility for training : César reported on the new training center . There is no protocol for use of the center by other (external) groups. The WSBA CLE Department is developing policies governing use. Those who team up bar sections or have external pro bono needs can use the facility. WSBA will provide this kind of support, but the systems are not yet in place to do so. Mark Sideman is the contact person.