Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono and Legal Aid Committee
July 11, 2013

In attendance: Co-Chair Esther Park, Co-Chair Rory O'Sullivan, BOG Liaison Dan Ford, Will Ross, Todd Nunn, Andrea Axel , Rachel Rappaport, Joanna Otero, Lew Zeiske, Stan Kahl, Chastity Punter-Hare, Ana Selvidge (WSBA Staff)

Attending via telephone: Randy Winn

Unable to attend: Thomas Brixius, Brian DeFoe, Reagan Dunn, Andrew Krawczyk, Carla Reyes, Karen Schweigert

June Meeting Minutes – Will be approved next meeting

Project Updates

1. Long Distance Lawyering/Tennessee Project – Main question the group is looking at is how can these two programs could be integrated and presented as a single project?
    - Joanna Otero provided a report of the DISCO meeting. The group had several recommendations but over all need more information and details to provide better direction. Some suggestions were to explore outside the current model of using VLPs to server in counties that do not have any service, maybe partner with the Seattle Area Pro Bono Coordinators and have a firm take this project on. Another recommendation was to meet with the DISCO pro bono group to brainstorm additional suggestions. Andrea has also stated that ATJ is looking at this program as a priority for the upcoming year. Others suggested to explore additional funding sources, possibly examine the ABA Rural grant.
    - Tennessee project – A few key issues still needing to be vetted are who can provide the malpractice, where can this program be housed, how can group help secure 10k per year that is needed to pay staff, and issues of ethics/conflicts question.
2. Access to Justice Network – Nothing to report.
3. Government Lawyer Pro Bono Work – Rachel spoke to Snohomish county prosecutors and they are going to WAPA with the model pro bono policy. This policy is in effect and working well in Snohomish. Rory spoke with Travis Alley at AG's office to support sending messaging from AG encouraging pro bono. Rory asked committee members to read through the model pro bono policy and comment by next week.
4. Pro Bono Recognition – Proposal was presented and approved. See attachment.

Additional Announcements

- Discussion ensued if PBLAC should be involved in national pro bono month. History of what PBLAC has done, one year a big symposium was put together, but not a huge turnout for the effort. Another year the King County Council did a resolution to have nation pro bono day. Additional ideas included mainly disseminating information statewide of various events occurring. Randy suggested a "Virtual pro fair" or a central information system for pro bono month, due to so many events. Possibility of creating short vignettes/campaigns to promote the rules that support pro bono and resources to engage in pro bono efforts.
- Randy – WA anti-traffic network CLE will be scheduled in November anyone who wants to attend is welcome.