

Access to Justice Commission Minutes
November 18, 2016

In attendance:

Justice Brent Appel, Chair
Anjie Shutts, Vice Chair
Steven Bradford
Diana Chavez-Diaz
Marvin DeJear
Rob Denson
Steve Eckely
Brian Farrell
Phil Garland
Joel Greer

Medha Johnson
Glennay Jundt
Leslie Kilgannon
Amy Kretkowski
Chris Luzzie
Judge Kevin McKeever
Leesa McNeil (by phone)
Ann Naffier
Gerard Nugent
Bob Oberbillig

Robert Perna
Carol Phillips
Judge Artis Reis
Elisabeth Reynoldson
Molly Kottmeyer, Secretary

ISBA PSP staff: Brett Toresdahl

I. Welcome

Justice Appel welcomed commission members to the first Access to Justice Commission meeting.

II. Introductions

Commission members offered a few words about his/her background.

III. Introduction to internal ATJ website

Molly Kottmeyer and Brian Farrell demonstrated for commission members how to access the information on the OneDrive website. This website will serve as an online library for the commission. Agendas, research, commission roster, workgroup descriptions and report templates can all be found on the website.

IV. Overview of ATJ Commissions

Steve Eckley provided an overview of ATJ commissions across the country and a history of access to justice in Iowa. Steve's power point is on the website.

V. Discussion and approval of bylaws

Steve Eckley presents draft bylaws for the commission's consideration. The commission discusses the bylaws and makes minor changes. Rob Denson moves for adoption with a second from Anjie Shutts. The commission approved the bylaws. The final version of the bylaws is available on the website.

VI. Presentations by Iowa's legal service providers

Justice Appel invited legal service providers to answer the following questions:

- Who do you serve?
- Who do you not serve?
- What do you need/want from the Access to Justice Commission?

The following entities presented and the information provided by each entity is available on the website:

- Iowa State Bar Association (Virginia Sipes)
- Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault (Elizabeth Barnhill)
- Drake Legal Clinic (Bob Oberbillig)
- U of I College of Law Clinical Law Program (Brian Farrell)
- Justice for Our Neighbors (Ann Naffier)
- Iowa Legal Aid (Dennis Groenenboom)
- Legal Aid Society of Story County (Carin Forbes)
- Polk County Association VLP (Carol Phillips)
- Kids First Iowa (Jenny Schultz) (by phone)
- Muscatine Legal Services (written materials only)

VII. Discussion of preliminary steps

Justice Appel presented the short term goal of providing a report to the supreme court by July 1, 2017. Anjie Shutts shared the draft workgroup list with the draft scope of each workgroup. The commission reviewed and discussed the workgroups and their scopes. Commission members made changes to the scope of a number of the workgroups. Commission members were asked to submit their preferences of workgroups to serve on to Molly Kottmeyer by November 22, 2017. Commission members will be assigned to workgroups. After workgroups are populated, a revised scope and membership list will be posted to the website.

Brian Farrell will investigate whether subgroups can be set up on OneDrive and if there can be automatic notifications if information is changed or posted in a specific workgroup folder. Brian will also check if OneDrive will allow subgroup contact lists to be set up so workgroup members can easily send group emails to their workgroup.

VIII. Meeting schedule

- Friday, February 24, 2017
- Friday, March 31, 2017
- Friday, June 9, 2017

IX. Adjournment

Steve Eckley moves for adjournment with a second from Anjie Shutts. Motion passes.