



Access to Justice Board Meeting Agenda
January 12, 2018 – 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM
 Washington State Bar Association, 1325 4th Ave, 6th Floor, Seattle
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Recognizing that access to the civil justice system is a fundamental right, the Access to Justice Board works to achieve equal access for those facing economic and other significant barriers.

4 min	Welcome and Introductions	Geoff Revelle		
1 min	December Board Meeting Minutes	Geoff Revelle	Action	pp 2-4
10 min	Pro Bono Council Report	Lindy Laurence, Eva Wescott and Catherine Brown	Report	pp 5-6
10 min	Delivery System Committee Report	Catherine Brown	Report	
5 min	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project Update	Jorge Barón	Report	
5 min	ATJ Board Staff and Chair Report	Geoff Revelle and Diana Singleton	Report	
10 min	Northwest Justice Project Update	César Torres	Report	
15 min	Sexual Violence Legal Services Report	Riddhi Mukhopadyay	Report	
20 min	Funding Update:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Civil Legal Aid (10 min) • Legal Foundation of WA (10 min) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Bamberger Caitlin Davis and Andrea Axel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pp 7-8
5 min	Other Updates, Upcoming Events	All	Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ULP's Benefit for SU Francis Perkins Fellowship on 1/27 • 2018 Goldmark Award Luncheon on 2/23 			

The next ATJ Board meeting is on February 23, 2018 from 10:00 to 11:30 at WSBA.



Access to Justice Board Meeting Minutes December 15, 2017, 10:00am – 12:00pm

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Present: Geoff Revelle (Chair), Sal Mungia, Hon. David Keenan, Hon. Fred Corbit, Lynn Greiner, Michelle Lucas, Mirya Muñoz-Roach, and Andy Sachs

Absent: Hon. Laura Bradley, Lindy Laurence, Francis Adewale

WSBA Staff: Diana Singleton, Bonnie Sterken, Jennifer Small

Guests: Noah Samuels, Kim Risenmay, Aaron McCloud, Catherine Brown, Merf Ehman, Melissa, Hon. Aimee Maurer, James Wallace, Bob Lichtenberg, Jennifer Werdell, Aaron McCloud, Sheryl Strobert

Rules Committee Report:

RPC 8.4: Sal summarized the amendment to RPC 8.4 that was included in the materials. The ATJ Rules Committee is recommending that the ATJ Board submit the letter of support in the materials. Sal moved, Lynn seconded and all approved submitting the letter of support.

WSR 15-15-102: Sal summarized the proposed rulemaking for WSR 15-15-102 regarding the Office of Administrative Hearings and the public records act. The written comments were already due in early December. Sal generally summarized what the rules will do to update OAH's procedures to be in line with updated to the public records act. Sal found that the changes do not illicit any red flags or access issues.

November Board Meeting Minutes: Approved without edits

ATJ Board Staff and Chair Report:

Update on Website Redesign: Diana reported that the updated Alliance for Equal Justice website is live.

Appointment of ATJ Board-Recommended OCLA Oversight Committee Members: Geoff reported that the ATJ Board nominated three individuals for the OCLA Oversight Committee. Sarah Augustine and Judge Whitener were appointed by the Court. Geoff summarized the process that the Board used to review applications and make the nominations.

Feedback for Proposed Funding Guidelines: Geoff reported on the reason and process for developing the proposed revisions to the funding guidelines. The memo in the materials will go to

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LFW grantees asking for input. After the Board receives input the next step is to submit recommendations to the LFW Board on how to update the guidelines.

Support for Proposed Changes to RCW 2.53: Geoff reported on the drafted revisions to the statute that were in the materials. He summarized how the revisions were made and reported that the Delivery System Committee has expressed its support. Judge Corbit moved that the Board support the revisions, Lynn seconded and all approved.

JustLead Update: Jen gave an update on JustLead and the Leadership. She reported that they are recruiting for the upcoming Leadership Academy cohort for 2018 and they are recruiting new board members for JustLead. She also reported on JustLead's role in the race equity goal of the State Plan. They are recruiting for a new staff person to lead the race equity work. JustLead is growing its budget through support from OCLA and other sources. JustLead representatives will be presenting at the Equal Justice Conference.

ATJ Board Priorities: Lynn reported that the ATJ Board adopts priorities every two years. She summarized the process for drafting the new priorities and presented the priorities that were in the materials. Lynn moved to adopt, Judge Keenan seconded and all approved adopting the priorities.

State Plan Implementation: Catherine reported that a small workgroup of the Delivery System Committee has been formed to determine how to collect information about what Alliance organizations are doing to implement the State Plan. So far they have gathered information from Alliance members and sent letters requesting information from collaboration groups and community partner organizations. The workgroup continues to meet to digest the information, identify trends and determine what to do next. They plan to offer a session after the Goldmark Luncheon to give a report out to the community about what's happening. ATJ Board members will also help reaching out to organizations we have not yet heard from.

BJA Public Trust and Confidence Committee: Catherine gave an update on the BJA Public Trust and Confidence Committee where she is a liaison for the ATJ Board. Highlights of their work include an updated activity books for kids in the courthouse, a public service video to encourage people to respond to jury duty, and classroom presentations with kids. They are creating another PSA on how people are treated with dignity, fairness and respect in the courthouse.

Judicial Conference: Bob Lichtenberg reported on the judicial conference in the fall. All levels of the Court attend. The Interpreter Commission is asking to partner with the AJT Board on the issue of interacting with children/families when they have a language/cultural difference. The session would offer solutions to help judges navigate with cultural competency. Proposals are due by January 5. The ATJ Board is in favor of this idea. Judge Keenan volunteered to work with Francis and the Interpreter Commission to put together a proposal.

Wayfind Report: Jodi Nishioka presented on the work of Wayfind. They have had significant growth in the past few years. Their three buckets of work include: direct legal work with nonprofits, nonprofit legal clinics, and microenterprise work. They also offer legal trainings/CLEs. Jodi illustrated some of the work they do and clients they work with. She noted they are adding in a race equity lens in everything they do in line with State Plan and are looking for more ways to partner with Alliance organizations.

Geoff added that the Board would like to hear more about the work of other organizations at Board meetings.

WSBA Board of Governors Presentation: Kim Risenmay summarized the agenda from the BOG meeting in November. He added that the ATJ Board presentation was helpful.

JustLead Video: Diana reported that the Communications Committee has created a series of videos for the new website and we showed a video about the Leadership Academy.

Other Matters:

Michelle gave an update on the Practice of Law Board, which is working on developing a civil legal needs check list. A rough draft has gone out to stakeholders to gather feedback.

Geoff reported that the LLLT Board is reviewing new areas of practice and are considering immigration and consumer law.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56am



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Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision:

Our vision is that a strong, recognized, and well-supported network of Volunteer Lawyer Programs is able to promote access to justice for low-income residents of Washington as an equal partner in the Alliance for Equal Justice and system for the delivery of civil legal aid.

Mission:

The mission of the Statewide Pro Bono Council is to further access to justice by supporting and advocating on behalf of the Volunteer Lawyer Programs in Washington State.

Values:

Every person, regardless of income, employment status, mental or physical ability, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status, deserves equal access to the justice system for their civil legal needs.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs are a valuable part of Washington's civil legal aid delivery system and an efficient way to meet the unmet need for critical legal services.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs complement the legal services provided by staffed and specialty legal aid programs.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs serve the important function of enhancing relationships between civil legal aid providers and the communities they serve.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs are enriched by a diverse board, staff, and volunteer pool.

Volunteer Lawyer Programs should provide free high quality, efficient, and innovative civil legal assistance to low income people through the recruitment, training, supervision, and support of volunteer lawyers.



2017 Priorities

The Pro Bono Council (PBC) facilitated an in-person priority-setting session on February 17, 2017. The priorities listed below resulted from the discussion and will drive the PBC's 2017 work. The PBC expects that several priorities will be multi-year efforts and may not be completed during 2017. All priorities assume focused emphasis on integrating race equity into all on-going and new PBC initiatives. All priorities fit within focus areas outlined in the PBC Work Plan.

1. The PBC will coordinate and support VLPs to develop and submit input about the draft State Plan for the Coordinated Delivery of Civil Legal Aid to Low Income People. The PBC will submit its own feedback and will work to ensure that the VLPs are adequately represented in the process to finalize the State Plan.
2. The PBC will prioritize training and sharing best practices about volunteer recruitment, training, and management, and language access. Training will address working with volunteers who are attorneys, those who are not attorneys, and appropriate tasks for each group. To increase opportunities for in-person connection and best practice sharing, VLP staff are strongly encouraged to visit other VLPs.
3. The PBC will update, build on, and/or develop new communication methods for VLPs to connect with each other and with the Alliance. Examples include the PBC listserv, updated and expanded "VLP Booklet" (directory of all VLPs, their contact information, and services offered), PBC Newsletter, PBC website and PBC Document Hub (shared repository of program policies, resources, and templates).
4. The PBC will encourage and amend operational rules to promote all VLPs to participate on the Pro Bono Council, PBC subcommittees, and other PBC-related trainings and opportunities.
5. The PBC and PBC Manager will continue to work with CLEAR managing staff to help facilitate productive working relationships between CLEAR and the VLP network. This includes having annual meetings with CLEAR staff to discuss the relationship between programs and how it could be improved.
6. In an effort to increase and equalize support for VLPs outside of the Puget Sound region, the PBC will continue to dedicate a significant portion of the PBC Manager's time focused on onsite and remote individualized support for eastern Washington and other rural VLPs.
7. The PBC will investigate methods of supporting pro bono efforts in counties that do not have a local VLP to coordinate local pro bono activities.
8. The PBC will work with Alliance service providers to respond to specific threats to marginalized populations.
9. The PBC will explore, develop, and promote opportunities for the professional growth of pro bono board and steering committee members.
10. The PBC will advocate for resources to promote staff retention, staff support, and manageable workloads at VLPs.



Program	2018 Grant Award
Benton Franklin Legal Aid	\$75,172 *
Blue Mountain Action Council	\$30,165
Chelan Douglas County VAS	\$87,785 *
Clallam-Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers	\$55,700 *
Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program	\$71,389 *
Columbia Legal Services	\$3,417,293
Cowlitz Wahkiakum Legal Aid	\$32,176
Eastside Legal Assistance Program	\$67,220
King County Bar Association	\$572,589 *
Kitsap Legal Services	\$67,087
LAW Advocates	\$197,532 *
Lewis County Bar Legal Aid	\$24,214
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	\$1,221,239
Seattle Community Law Center	\$154,500
Skagit Volunteer Lawyer Program	\$122,035 *
Snohomish County Legal Services	\$133,405 *
Solid Ground	\$120,322
Spokane County Bar Association VLP	\$155,565 *
Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association VLP	\$242,000 *
TeamChild	\$422,310
Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services	\$137,440 *
Unemployment Law Project	\$290,331 *
Yakima County Volunteer Attorney Service	\$48,256
TOTAL	\$7,745,724

* Indicates program received state Pro Bono Expansion Funds

PRO BONO EXPANSION PROJECTS - 2018

Legal Assistance by Whatcom Services (LAW) Advocates

Snohomish County Legal

Chelan-Douglas County Volunteer Attorney Services

Skagit Volunteer Lawyer Program

Clallam-Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers

Spokane Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Program

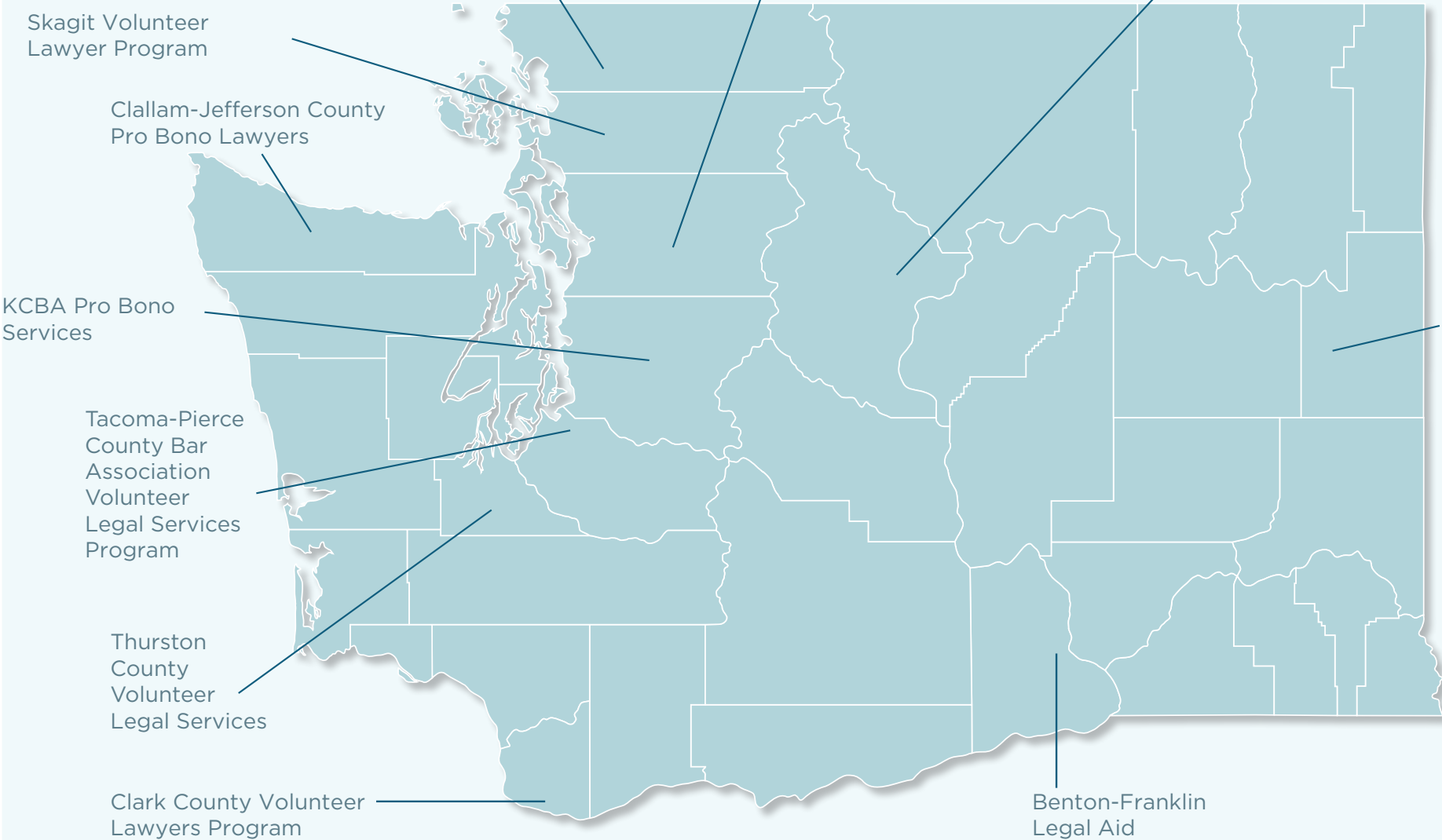
KCBA Pro Bono Services

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Program

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Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program

Benton-Franklin Legal Aid



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Unemployment Law Project - train volunteer attorneys to represent clients across the state
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