

THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CASE MANAGEMENT

Honorable Craig R. Baldwin
Fifth District Court of Appeals
Chairperson

Honorable Beth Cappelli
Fairborn Municipal Court
Vice Chairperson

Meeting Minutes May 21, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Judge Craig R. Baldwin
Judge Beth Cappelli
Judge Kim A. Browne
Judge Kristen Johnson
Michael Negray
Judge Terry Nestor
Judge Michael Oster

Judge Diane M. Palos
Judge Terri L. Stupica
C. Michael Walsh, Esq.
Judge Latecia Wiles
Judge William R. Zimmerman
Judge Gene A. Zmuda

Committee Members Absent:

Judge Kimberly Cocroft
Judge Michelle Earley
Judge Tom Pokorny, Retired
Judge John Rudduck
Elizabeth W. Stephenson, Esq.

Judge Elinore M. Stormer
Susan Sweeney
Judge Thomas Teodosio
Judge Curt Werren

Supreme Court of Ohio Staff Members Present:

Brian Farrington
Joel Goettke
Kate Munger, Esq.

Colleen Rosshirt, Esq.
Stephanie Nelson, Esq.

Meeting Minutes Approved

The March 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Update on Sup.R. 39 – Time Standards

Colleen Rosshirt reported on the status of reporting time standards and the ACCM's review of Sup.R. 39. On May 11, Judge Palos was scheduled to present the recommended time standards to the Justices, but it was decided that the presentation would be postponed. Additional research is being conducted investigating statutory guidance for probate time standards. The additional time will also allow the opportunity to chat with appellate courts about potential time standards.

Subcommittee Review of AND & PC Time Standards

Kate Munger explained that SB 256 modified timelines for Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency cases. The subcommittee consisting of Judge Johnson, Judge Wiles, Judge Browne, Judge Zimmerman, Deanna Robb (ODJFS), Stacy Ziska (Trumbull), Jody Barilla (Lorain), and Dawn Bailey (Shelby) decided that time standard for juvenile reporting needs to be changed in light of the new legislation.

It was recommended that the time standard for Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency cases be increased from 90 days to 135 days to reflect changes to R.C. 2151.35. Further, the subcommittee recommended to decrease the Permanent Custody time standards from 270 days to 200 days to align with R.C. 2151.414(A)(2).

A motion was made to accept the recommendations by Judge Diane Palos. The motion was seconded by Judge Terri Stupica. At the time the motion was made, a quorum was not present. The motion will be sent to the ACCM for electronic vote.

Update Appellate Reports Statistical Reporting Subcommittee

Brian Farrington reported that the Individual Judge report was reviewed thoroughly by the subcommittee and a proposal for change has been developed. The proposed restructuring retains quarterly submissions, creates a single filing containing data on all judges, and changes reportable data to consist of all cases with a released opinion.

Discussions with the subcommittee suggested that the data collection method currently in place is incomplete. For example, cases that are opened and resolved in same quarter are not reported. More complete data would include information on all opinions released in the reporting period. The proposal to amend the form includes all cases, resulting in a more complete report of activity by each judge.

New Business:

Appellate Data Dashboard Demo

Brian Farrington provided a demonstration of the new Data Dashboard for Appellate Courts. The ACCM will be advised when the Dashboard goes live. There was discussion whether it would be possible for court administrators view the Dashboard before it goes live to ensure accuracy.

Case Management Focused Education

Judge Beth Cappelli suggested the development of case management courses for either judges or court team. Topics could include: use of helpful forms, writing case management plans for local rules, and other caseload efficiency topics. It was discussed that this could be a good project to do in conjunction with the Judicial College to develop the education. Colleen Rosshirt will reach out to the Judicial College and anticipates coming back to the ACCM to solicit subject matter experts and helpful forms.

Open Discussion:

Meeting time

The general consensus was that noon works well as a meeting time for this group. The options of in-person or continued ability to participate in ACCM meetings online was discussed. An opinion was voiced that it is important to do at least one in-person meeting a year for collegiality and relationship building, but that virtual options are appreciated for those who would have to travel a great distance.

Future meeting dates:

Tentative Dates of 2021 / 2022 Meetings:

August 20, 2021

October 22, 2021

March 25, 2022

May 20, 2022

August 19, 2022

October 21, 2022