



LANE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Virtual (GoToMeeting)

Tuesday, October 28 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Jenny Jonak called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. (quorum met)

2. Welcome/Introductions

Jenny welcomed everyone, and introductions were made for the record.

Members present: Shane Davis, Jenny Jonak, Erika Hente, Victoria Nguyen, Kristynn Johnson

Staff/Ex-Officio: Sue Ludington, Law Librarian

Members absent (excused): Kari Malone, Marc Friedman

3. Public Comment (none)

4. Review and Approval of Minutes (September 29, 2020 meeting)

Erika moved to approve the September meeting minutes as submitted; Shane seconded.

5. Updates to Agenda (none)

6. Announcements/Reports

- a. Erika informed that Legal Aid is once again undergoing priority setting review, which occurs every 2 years. They are seeking client feedback to the Survey Monkey survey, which will be accessible via their Facebook page and in paper format in their office (for eligible clients only). The survey will be made available through the end of the year. Erika asks that LLAC help promote and distribute as they're able.

7. Old Business

- a. LLAC bylaws. At the last meeting, Sue was tasked with finding out (a) the Commissioner meeting schedule (and affiliated process for filing a "consent motion" item and timeline for approval) and (b) if email can be used as a method for reviewing and approving bylaws. She was unable to complete either action item, but aspires to have answers for December's meeting.

ACTION: Sue to pursue tasks outlined above.

- b. Senate Judiciary Committee workgroup formed, pertaining to SB 858 (2019). Sue briefly mentioned that the workgroup had its first meeting on October 13, and that it was comprised of judges, attorneys, lobbyists, and other reps from Legal Aid,

Association of Counties, Oregon State Bar, and OJD. Sue said the meeting ended with county law libraries being tasked with crafting a document which specified examples of “law library services.” The 4 participating county law librarians drafted a 1-page memo containing a bulleted list describing more than a dozen typical services. The memo was just sent to the WG Chair on Friday, Oct. 23.

- c. Collection weeding project and withdrawals. Sue said that weeding of the Federal and Federal Supplement Reporters continues to progress, with cooperation from Garten Recycling. The Law Library’s Extra Help staffer has been able to come into the library twice a week to work on this task.
- d. Lexis contract expiration. Sue is nearing completion of negotiating the renewed Lexis 3-year contract. She is moving forward with adding a patron access seat, which will allow comparison of Westlaw and Lexis for a 2-year period. Usage and cost will determine which product is renewed in December 2022.

ACTION: Sue still needs to get Westlaw access info to Jenny. (?)

8. **New Business**

- a. Eviction mediation/diversion program possibilities at Circuit Court. Sue talked about recent discussions she’s had with Lane County Circuit Court Trial Court Administrator Liz Rambo. Sue has learned of eviction diversion/mediation programs around the country, and hopes Lane County can implement something. She and Liz have started brainstorming. Erika mentioned Springfield-Eugene Tenant Association (SETA) and their hotline, active role in the tenant rights community, and partnership with Legal Aid. Once upon a time, there was a LL/T mediation program that addressed pre-filing matters. Another good potential partner is Center for Dialog and Mediation. Erika says the power differential in court-ordered mediation can be difficult, especially for tenants who feel under duress. Some are even signing their rights away unknowingly.

Sue described programs out of Pennsylvania that incorporates rent assistance; Erika asserts rent assistance that’s available pre-filing is the best circumstance and more effective strategy. What a tenant can do on day of court is limited.

Erika reminded that Lane County attorney Judith Moman coordinated a CLE titled “Evictions Under Covid-19” on Oct. 16. Many attorneys attended. Sue said Judith is a regular law library user, and they stay in contact.

- 9. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 1, 3:30-5:00pm (Erika will not be present; advised that LLAC stay abreast of December legislative days.)

10. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.