Access to Justice Commission Meeting Minutes August 26, 2010

The Access to Justice Commission held a conference call at noon on August 26, 2010. Those who participated were Justice Jim Burke, Chief Justice Marilyn Kite, Judge Scott Skavdahl, Judge Timothy Day, Senator Tony Ross, Walter Eggers, Larry Wolfe, Stuart Day, Rick Lavery, Leigh Anne Manlove, Bill Hiser, Sleeter Dover, Dona Playton, Denise Burke, Rennie Polidora, Joann Odendahl, Ronda Munger and Becky Craig.

Opening Remarks

Justice Burke opened the meeting.

The AJC Statement of Core Values, the Center's Rules and Regulations, the Center's Board of Directors Operational Rules, the Commission's Role, and spreadsheet.

Walter Eggers addressed the drafts of the AJC's Statement of Core Values, the Wyoming Center for Legal Aid Rules & Regulations, the Wyoming Center for Legal Aid Board of Directors Operational Rules, the Role of the Justice Commission, and a spreadsheet. He reviewed several typographical changes and changes to the location of certain paragraphs in the AJC's Statement of Core Values. Discussion was held on the wording and intent of various paragraphs, with several additional changes being made to the document. Ronda Munger moved and Denise Burke seconded a motion to adopt the Statement of Core Values for the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission as amended and proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

The Wyoming Center for Legal Aid Rules & Regulations were discussed next, with several changes being made, and the decision being reached that a written agreement/mou should be entered into between the Wyoming Supreme Court and the Wyoming Center for Legal Aid. Joann will research the issue of benefits for the Center; Dona will review the website and grant sections as to how they relate to the LSC's rules and other rules; and Bill will review the paragraph having to do with the Center establishing the standards for attorneys. There will be a separate section added that deals with the Center's abilities and criteria for entering into contracts and grants. Larry will draft language for this that will tie into the scope of the legislation.

The Wyoming Center for Legal Aid Board of Directors Operational Rules were reviewed. The makeup of the Board and number of board members was discussed. It was suggested that the Supreme Court appoint the Center's initial board members, with the Board subsequently making recommendations to the Court for future members. Walter will also work on revising Section 13 regarding Indemnification and Section 15 regarding Confidentiality.

The document titled "Role of the Access to Justice Commission" was reviewed and several revisions will be made to reflect changes that were made in the other documents.

Access to Judge Luncheon at State Bar Meeting

The Governor will be unable to be the luncheon speaker at the program. A speaker will be arranged in-house, the video will be shown, a report given on the Commission's status and a statement made on where we need to go from here.

Stakeholder Meeting

The public meeting in Casper will be held sometime during the last week in September or the first week in October. The Commission will have the draft Rules for the Board and the Center ready for that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 p.m.