

Law Library Committee Meeting

February 17, 2021

Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present: Javier Spyker (Chair), Heather Kemper, Lee Van Duzer, Amy Gregory

Previous Minutes: Spyker Moved, Kemper Second. Approved and Adopted.

Law Library Update:

- a. Reopening: We are working to identify a system to allow flexibility of appointments to get what people need in as few visits as possible. In this system we are working to identify essential services and only offer those. This will take away the subjectivity of the appointment process. The focus will be on the timing to complete legal research need instead of what the legal research needs are. We will document experiences in the new service model and adjust accordingly.

Policy Discussion:

- a. Helping the Courthouse: SRLNs are going to be hard hit with reopening. The Law Library is well situated to assist and are looking into avenues to help. With high risk, we will be allowing conference room use for remote hearings with referral from the Circuit Court. This was identified as a possible need. We will investigate other avenues as well.
- b. Legislative Update: There might be an effort to define law library services in this session. If this happens there might be a need for legal community support at the state legislative level.
- c. Budget: 2021/22 is due to the county at the beginning of March. There are not a lot of decision points as the county tells us what most of our budget is going to be. The Chief Justice did not include an increase in their proposed budget so our best guess is that our allocation will remain flat. We will not have to share with conciliation so all allocated money will go to the law library.
- d. Committee Bylaws and Information: WCBA is drafting new bylaws which is a good time to review ours. There are many things that don't make sense anymore so there is going to be a review process. The public member was an aspirational goal and didn't work and may be removed. Once new bylaws are drafted, they will be circulated to the committee for review.

New Business:

- a. Committee Membership: Larry Brisbee is retiring. This does not create a vacancy as he was an Emeritus position. We may want to consider adding more regular members to the committee.