

State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date | 09/01/2022 12:15 p.m. | Meeting location Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs: Rebecca Dallet
Supreme Court Justice
Wisconsin Supreme Court

Kimberly Lawton
District Attorney
Bayfield County

Staff
Lara Kenny
Donna Hahn
Mike Austin
Brad Kelly
Megan Jones
Sabrina Gentile

Subcommittee Members Present

Associate Judge Gwen Topping, State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, Jerome Dillard, Jane Graham Jennings, Derek Veitenheimer, Deputy Chief Judge Carl Ashley, Representative Evan Goyke, Judge Derek Mosely, Judge Emily Lonergan

Subcommittee Members Not Present

Dr. Jeneise Briggs, Chief Shon Barnes, Judge Derek Mosley, Vanessa McDowell, Sheriff Rebecca Smith, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, Rhonda Frank-Loron

Others Present

Adam Plotkin, Steve Wagner, Linda Palmer, Kevin Reddy

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome and Opening Comments

Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Dallet welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access (REIA) Subcommittee.

Approval of 6/2/2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by District Attorney Kim Lawton and seconded by State Public Defender Kelli Thompson to approve the 6/2/2022 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Jury Master List Project Update & Discussion

Adam Plotkin updated the subcommittee on the progress being made by the workgroup. Plotkin said more work needs to be done before the workgroup can produce a report. The workgroup members are Adam Plotkin, Rhonda Frank-Loron, Tyler Brandt and Chris Henning.

Supreme Court Rule Petition 22-01 on DEIA Training Discussion

Justice Dallet updated the subcommittee on the State Bar's rule request to the Wisconsin Supreme Court to recognize CLE credit education regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and the recognition

of bias. The State CJCC chose to not submit written testimony during the public comment period. Public comment period is now closed.

Justice Dallet encouraged members to participate when the public hearing is scheduled and asked Mike Austin to share the Wisconsin Supreme Court [website](#) with the subcommittee. The website will be updated when the public hearing is scheduled.

The rule would allow a lawyer to attend courses to fulfill the 30 hours required to include the subject of diversity, equity, inclusion, access, or recognition of bias, which includes topics addressing diversity and inclusion in the legal system of all persons regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disabilities and topics designed to educate attorneys on the recognition and reduction of bias.

Implicit Bias Video for Juries

Judge Emily Lonergan requested to show the *Unconscious Bias Juror* video to the subcommittee. The video was produced by the Western District of Washington, United States District Court and is shown to the jurors before the trial begins. Judge Lonergan plays the video for the jurors before every jury trial and has had good feedback from the jurors.

Justice Dallet asked subcommittee members for ways to have more jurors see the video before the jury trial.

Judge Ashley said he would speak the Chief Judge in Milwaukee County about jurors watching the video before the trial. Judge Ashley also reported that Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley has started more implicit bias training for employees.

The video was played for the subcommittee.

Justice Dallet reported Iowa has an implicit bias video on their state courts website. The Chief Justice and State Courts would need to approve of a video to be posted on Wisconsin State Courts website.

Judge Lonergan reported she will be showing the video at a breakout session at the Judicial Conference.

Committee will continue to focus on the projects discussed at the meeting including improving jury representation, increasing educational opportunities, and seeking opportunities to improve language

Other Agenda Items – Justice Dallet asked Mike Austin to put remaining items on the October agenda due to lack of time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The next meeting of the Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee will be October 6, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.