



DRAFT Committee Report

Attending: Justice Hantz Marconi (guest), Jackie Waters (guest), Tanya Pitman (guest), Judge Chabot, Karen Gorham, Katie Tripp, Anne Zinkin, Jean Kilham, and Dianne Martin, Chair.

The NHJB Domestic Violence Committee met on January 18, 2023 to discuss:

- I. Update on Domestic Violence Protocols
- II. Justice For Families (JFF) Grant – Discussion of potential proposals
- III. Update on Reestablishing Coordinating Councils – Judge Chabot
- IV. Recommendation 2.1 Discussion (working group to discuss how best to streamline a criminal case and a civil domestic violence case involving the same parties) - Update from Karen Gorham
- V. Current issues in the courts – service issue - Jean Kilham
- VI. Wrap up and next steps

The Committee first heard from Jean Kilham about the status of the Domestic Violence Protocols. Jean shared that the protocols are still in process and that she hopes to have a draft to share with the Committee at its February meeting.

The Committee next discussed potential proposals for the NHJB to apply for a Justice for Families (JFF) grant. This grant program generally funds projects for victims of dating and sexual violence. One idea the Committee discussed concerned funding additional supervised visitation centers. The Committee agreed that the NHJB could not be the lead applicant for such a grant application, but could support county entities in their applications. Jean informed the Committee that Cheshire County is not applying for such funding this year.

Another idea that the Committee discussed concerned funding for changes to Odyssey to allow courts to navigate conflicting orders better. Jackie Waters stated that making further changes to Odyssey is difficult. Karen Gorham agreed. She thought it would be preferable to obtain prepackaged, ready-to-go software that could be “plugged into” Odyssey, rather than to make changes to Odyssey itself. The NHJB would need an IT person to implement.

The Committee also discussed using JFF funding to increase access for individuals who lack the ability to participate in court proceedings remotely. One idea would for there to be laptops at each courthouse for individuals to access. A similar idea under consideration is to



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use the current kiosks which have Teams to create a virtual court support center. Jackie, Karen, Tanya, and Katie agreed to discuss the ideas related to improved technology further.

A fourth idea the Committee discussed was to use JFF funding for training staff throughout the year on issues related to domestic violence and to house the training on the LMS platform.

The Committee next discussed using JFF grant funding to add a domestic violence layer to the current court navigator system. Right now, the NHJB has funding through ARPA through 2024 and could use JFF grant funding to fund the navigator program through 2027. The JFF money could be used to locate, train, recruit, and manage navigators specific to domestic violence.

The Committee next heard from Judge Chabot, who attended a Coordinating Council meeting as part of her work on . The meeting took place over the lunch hour and was very well-attended. The Coordinating Council meeting she attended is for the greater Manchester area and is facilitated by Katie Parent from the Manchester YMCA. In addition to Judge Chabot, others who participated in the meeting were representatives from 603 Legal Aid, NHLA, and the Hillsborough County Attorney's office. Judge Chabot informed the Committee that the Coordinating Council had a fruitful discussion about police service of final orders. Judge Chabot believes that the ability to hold the meeting virtually on Zoom increases attendance. She noted that in some less populated areas, it would probably make sense to convene Coordinating Councils by county, instead of by municipality.

The Chair asked Judge Chabot to share her thoughts about reviving Coordinating Councils with the Governor's Commission.

Recommendations and tasks completed following the January 18, 2023 meeting	Recommendation 1.2 (protocols) (continued) Recommendation 1.5 (judicial and non-judicial staff training) (continued) Recommendation 1.6 (enhancing ability of parties to participate in remote court proceedings) (continued) Recommendation 2.3 (seeking funding for more educational opportunities) (continued)
Expectations for next meeting	Karen Gorham and Katie Tripp will have further discussions with Jackie Waters and Tanya Pitman about a possible application by the NHJB for a JFF grant to fund the technology projects the Committee



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discussed at this meeting. Judge Chabot and Judge Carbon will discuss speaking about reviving the Coordinating Councils with the Governor's Commission.
