



# Meeting Minutes

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**Committee Name:** Strategic Action Team

**Date:** 09.26

**Attendees:** Dick Gast, John Tull, Sam Walker, Tim Macdonald, Penny Wagner, David Stark, Dan Taubman, Brittany Kauffman, Elisa (Emo) Overall

## Agenda Items

### 1. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Action item:** Approved by unanimous vote.

### 2. Communications – Brittany Kauffman

- a. **Communications Initiative:** Brittany reported that the Communications Initiative has been updated and finalized. It includes a new objective. Objective III: Making listening a priority in the Commission's communications efforts and across the full spectrum of the Commission's work.
  - i. **Action item:** Send the final document to Commissioners – ideally with the rest of the content that would have been in the materials packet for the September meeting.
    1. **Person(s) Responsible:** Emo
    2. **Deadline:** asap
- b. **Annual Report:** The Communications Initiative now includes the production and distribution of an annual report with recommendations.
  - i. **Action item:** Draft the report.
    1. **Person(s) Responsible:** Emo & Brittany
    2. **Deadline:** November 1, 2023
- c. **Op-Ed:** Planning on drafting and ideally publishing an op-ed on the access to justice crisis and the need for the Commission's work
  - i. **Person(s) Responsible:** Jon Asher has agreed to draft
  - ii. **Deadline:** goal to publish October 2023

### 3. Rural Legal Deserts – Dave Stark

- a. **Virtual Pro Se Clinic:** after much legwork by Ric Morgan, the Virtual Pro Se Clinic has enlisted the help of the Colorado Lawyers Committee's Young Lawyer Division (YLD). The YLD will supply volunteers to man the clinic.

- b. Virtual Proceedings:** The Commission would like to seek a seat on the judicial department committee that the Chief Justice is forming to monitor the implementation of CJD 23-03.
  - i. Action item:** Ask the Executive Committee for direction on next steps.
    - 1. Person(s) Responsible:** Emo
    - 2. Deadline:** 10.02 Executive Committee meeting
- c. Greater Colorado Law Student Experience (GCLSE):** The Commission has agreed to be the fiscal agent for CBF & other grants for student stipends. The Commission is also now co-operating the program with the Judicial Department. Upon Sumi Lee's departure, the GCLSE needs a permanent home – the Judicial Dept. will not carry it forward.
  - i. Action item:** Figure out how to operate the program
    - 1. Person(s) Responsible:** Emo & Sharon Sturges
    - 2. Deadline:** ongoing
  - ii. Action item:** Partner with Office of Alternate Defense Counsel (OADC) and Office of Respondent Parent Counsel (ORPC) to present about rural legal opportunities to law students @ DU, CU, Wyoming, and NM law schools.
    - 1. Person(s) Responsible:** Emo, Kristin Ladd (OADC), Shawna Geiger (ORPC)
    - 2. Deadline:** Fall '23 & Winter '24

**4. Online Portal** – Emo reporting for Jason Lynch

- a. Portal:** Funding has been secured & project manager hiring will begin soon
  - i. Person(s) Responsible:** Emo, Matt Baca (CLS), & CLS hiring committee
  - ii. Deadline:** Nov. 1

**5. Funding** – Emo & Sam Walker

- a. Legal Aid:** Plan is beginning to take shape to advance legislation that increases funding for legal aid.
  - i. Person(s) Responsible:** Matt Baca, Emo, lobbyists, & coalition of stakeholders
  - ii. Deadline:** ongoing thru end of legislative session (May 2024)
- b. Commission:** Emo & lobbyists advancing Joint Budget Committee "ask" for Commission funding.
  - i. Person(s) Responsible:** Emo & lobbyists
  - ii. Deadline:** January 2024