

Workgroup on Libraries & Access to Justice
Draft Minutes of the
Workgroup on Libraries & Access to Justice

2 o'clock p.m.
4 February, 2015
225 Spring Street
Wethersfield, CT

Members in attendance: Ms. Dawn LaValle, Atty. Jeff Dowd & Ms. Krista Hess, Co-chairs; Ms. Heather Collins, Mr. Joseph DiBenedetto, Ms. Curleen Elliot, Atty. Cheryl Halford, Ms. Jocelyn Kennedy, Ms. Anne Rajotte, Mr. Christopher Roy, Ms. Julie Styles.

Members absent: Atty. Jamey Bell, Atty. Barbara McGrath, Ms. Aisha Banks, Atty. Nancy Boone, Mr. Jonathan Stock, Ms. Ann Doherty.

- I. Approval of Meeting minutes of December 10, 2014: The Minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Online Calendar Proposal – Update: website linkage and placement of calendar and application –
Jeff Dowd: Atty. Dowd showed the group a print out of what the online clinic calendar will look like. Rather than be a true ‘calendar,’ it will be a list of available clinics and pro bono days, with links to the sponsoring entity, including phone number(s) when available.
- III. Workshops – Update – Chris Roy, Cheryl Halford: Atty. Halford and Mr. Roy are developing the workshop for public librarians which will include information and handouts on law libraries, public information desks, and court service centers. Participants will be given a binder of information and samples of available resources. The workshop will be videotaped so that librarians can access it at their convenience. The workshop will begin in the late spring.
- IV. Justice Fair – Update – Review of planning document - Krista Hess: Ms. Hess said the Justice Fair will be on Sept. 16th at the UConn Law School. Chief Justice Rogers will give remarks. Attendance is by invitation only, and the Workgroup and the Commission are invited. An event like this requires tremendous coordination. Ms. Hess showed the members a proposed ‘save the date’ note that will be emailed to invited guests. The Fair, which will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, will include plenary sessions and breakout panels on different topics, including legal aid.
- V. Matrix – Update – Jeff Dowd: Atty. Dowd compiled a list of all state law libraries, court service centers, public information desks, main public libraries and community college libraries. Each entry has information about the available resources, ie: Westlaw, public computers, etc., as well as email and telephone contact information for each site. The matrix will be distributed via email to the public librarians
- VI. Assign date for next meeting and assign tasks: Another meeting will be held later this spring. Members were asked to email the chairs with ideas about what panels they would like to see at the Justice Fair, and with information about what assistance they can provide in organizing the fair.