Minutes Public Service and Trust Commission Committee on Self-represented Parties Subcommittee on Support Services April 8, 2009

The Subcommittee on Support Services held a teleconference on April 8, 2009 at 225 Spring Street, Room 206, in Wethersfield, CT.

Those in attendance: Dean Hugh C. Macgill (chair), Ms. Priscilla Arroyo, Attorney Anthony DiPentima, Ms. Krista Hess, Attorney Norman K. Janes and Hon. Barry C. Pinkus

Dean Macgill called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

- 1. The Subcommittee approved the minutes of the March 27, 2009 Subcommittee meeting.
- 2. The Subcommittee discussed Proposed Bill no. 724, "An Act Concerning Immunity for Certain Volunteers," sponsored by Senator Jonathan Harris. The Subcommittee agreed that it was necessary to speak with Senator Harris regarding the Judicial Branch's interest in modifying the content of this proposed bill. A member of Court Operations staff will contact Senator Harris and cosponsor, Representative Mary Fritz to discuss the Subcommittee's proposed modifications.
- 3. Dean Macgill will forward the information he received from Judge Norko regarding the mediation programs at the Community Court in Hartford to the Subcommittee members. Similarly, Attorney Janes will forward information to the Subcommittee regarding his conversation with Mr. Charles Pillsbury of Community Mediation in New Haven.

Attorney Janes will report back to the Subcommittee regarding his research into the cost of liability insurance for attorneys participating in the advice day program.

The Subcommittee agreed to schedule a subsequent meeting once the information from Attorney Janes and Dean Macgill has been disseminated.

- 4. Krista Hess provided the Subcommittee with an update regarding performance measures. Support staff have met with Steve Marhefsky and plan to meet with subcommittee chairs once preliminary performance measures have been drafted. The anticipated completion date for the Committee's work is June 1, 2009.
- 5. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.