

Parent Education Program Advisory Committee Meeting June 15, 2017

Joe DiTunno to prepare a memo for the family judges regarding the fee increase (\$150 from \$125) of the parent education program and a reminder that fee waivers are absorbed by the providers.

The two year term for the Advisory Committee is up in July of 2017. There are some changes as Steve Grant and Deb Kulak have retired and Elaine Zimmerman is has been replaced by Stephen Hernandez at the Commission on Children. One person requested to be included by way of a letter to the Chief Justice. After consideration voted yes by committee (Alyssa Agouti)

2016 Statistics booklet shows consistent positive ratings for the Parent Education Program from clients- the program outcomes continue to be excellent over time.

A next step for consideration might be to set up focus groups for providers, judges and bar to look at the format and curriculum of the programs.

Invite Dr. Nina Livingstone to give trauma presentation in the fall- this is especially necessary given the RFP responses regarding DV and child abuse issues

Next committee meeting tentative 9/28/17

Request a block of time at the fall judges meeting to explain importance of the parent education program and show the positive consistent results in the 2016 statistics booklet and to stress the importance of taking the class early in the divorce proceedings.