

WORKING GROUP MINUTES

September 14, 2023

Discussion regarding some revisions to surveys:

- Concern from some colleagues that they were too negative
- Adding some balancing of questions of “good experience” and “bad experience”
- Parties and attorney surveys are ready to go and Ann will forward to Juliann Tricario for dissemination
- Alexis awaiting permission for judicial surveys to be sent
- A few minor revisions needed for the Mental Health survey

Next Steps:

- Ann will put together an outline of topics based upon BB book, AAML (if Chris can get summary of their testing areas to her), the statute, the AFCC website, the committee notes and anything else she can think of.
- Ann will schedule a talk with Ohio researchers with anyone interested. Of particular interest would be expense, is it still being used, how did they measure success, advice? (Kate will send List of 24 topics that pre national terms, competency areas. That they should know.)

Ohio:

- Review of materials before hand
- Judges and custody evaluators?? Child custody evaluators – 40 hour training
- Knowledge checks during presentation
- The materials were reviewed by educational experts in advance and were modified as to format, length,

Things that would make judicial learning more accessible

- Judicial conference is mandatory- putting it at the end of that is a good idea
- Dr / pr institute.
- Think outside the box. Traveling judges to take dockets... trading Saturdays for vacation... etc.
- Generally, you need to give notice Six to twelve months' notice to avoid getting bumped by a judge's docket.

Electronic access?

How can judges get around philosophy that they base their rulings ONLY on what is presented in a hearing? Had a philosophical discussion.

