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Rules and Forms | Collaborative Justice: Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee's Area of Focus and Duties (Action Required)

Summary

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends amending rule 10.56 of the California Rules of Court to update the committee's areas of focus and duties by incorporating diversion and other collaborative justice-related programs. This recommendation would allow the advisory committee to better address judicial leadership and the court processes of collaborative justice courts and similar programs that affect individuals who are moving through the court system and have mental illnesses, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders.

Recommendation

The Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council amend rule 10.56 of the California Rules of Court, effective January 1, 2022, to:

1. Include within the scope of the advisory committee's area of focus programs that incorporate judicial supervision, court monitoring, collaboration among justice system partners, or rehabilitative services aimed at improving outcomes for individuals with mental health issues, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders;
2. Eliminate the obsolete list of specific types of collaborative justice courts;
3. Establish a focus on education and training opportunities for judicial officers, court staff, and justice system partners; and
4. Specify the nature of recommendations that can be made to the Judicial Council about funding and outreach activities that can benefit collaborative justice courts and similar collaborative programs focused on individuals with mental health issues, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders.