Legal Services Corporation Meeting of the Operations and Regulations Committee Open Session

Friday, January 28, 2011

Chairman Charles N.W. Keckler convened an *open session* meeting of the Legal Services Corporation's ("LSC") Operations and Regulations Committee ("the Committee") at 10:43 a.m. on Friday, January 28, 2011. The meeting was held at the Legal Services Corporation, 3333 K Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20007.

The following Committee members were present:

Charles N.W. Keckler, Chairman Robert J. Grey, Jr. Harry J.F. Korrell, III Laurie I. Mikva John G. Levi, *ex officio*

Other Board Members Present:

Sharon L. Browne Victor B. Maddox Martha L. Minow Father Pius Pietrzyk Julie A. Reiskin Gloria Valencia-Weber

Also attending were:

Victor M. Fortuno President and General Counsel

Katherine Ward Executive Assistant, Office of Legal Affairs

Jeffrey E. Schanz Inspector General

Mattie Cohan Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs

Elizabeth Arledge Analyst/Coordinator, Legal Services Corporation Linda Perle Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

Stephen Barr Director, Media Relations

John Meyer Director, Office of Information Management (OIM)

John Carmichael American Bar Association

Terry Brooks ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants
David Maddox Assistant Inspector General for Management and Evaluation

Cynthia Schneider Deputy Director, OPP

Laurie Tarantowicz Assistant Inspector General and Legal Counsel

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Joel Gallay Special Assistant to the Inspector General Tom Coogan Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

Christy Fisher OPP

Stephanie Edelstein Program Counsel III, OPP

Eric R. Jones Network/Systems Engineer, OIT Lavon Smith Network/Systems Engineer, OIT Rebecca Weir Special Counsel to the President

Jim Sandman Incoming LSC President

Janet LaBella Director OPP

Mark Freedman Senior Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)

Atitaya Pratoomtong
Patricia D. Batie
Corporate Secretary, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)
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Dan Sheahan
Staff Attorney, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)
Program Evaluation Analyst, Office of Inspector General

The following summarizes actions taken by, and presentations made to, the Committee:

Chairman Keckler called the *open session* meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum.

MOTION

Mr. Korrell moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Mikva seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

MOTION

Ms. Mikva moved to approve the minutes of the *open session* meetings of October 19, 2010 and December 15, 2010. Mr. Korrell seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

Chairman Keckler noted that in its last meeting, the Committee approved the issuance of a Federal Register notice indicating LSC's interest in developing a strategic planning document, which has now been published. Ms. Cohan, Sr. Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, presented a staff report on the distribution of the Federal Register notice. She suggested the Committee may wish to consider having a training/visioning session on strategic planning after comments are received and prior to the April Board meeting. Ms. Cohan answered Committee members' questions.

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MOTION

Mr. Korrell moved to recommend to the Board that the new President and Chairman Levi confer about developing training and visioning sessions for the Board during the upcoming quarter. Mr. Grey seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

Ms. Cohan next presented a staff report on the development of a regulatory agenda. She noted that there have been preliminary discussions on this matter but there are no specific recommendations for the Committee at this time on. Ms. Cohan answered Committee members' questions.

Ms. Cohan next presented the Draft Notice of Potential Rulemaking on 45 CFR Part 1609 to clarify the scope of fee-generating case restrictions to non-LSC fund supported cases. Chairman Keckler invited discussion and comments on the Draft NPRM.

MOTION

Mr. Grey moved to recommend to the full Board that the Draft NPRM be turned into an NPRM and be published for comment. Mr. Levi seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

Ms. Cohan next presented a staff report on potential rulemakings as a result of the TIG Audit response. Mr. Schanz, Inspector General, provided comments on the matter. Chairman Keckler noted that at this point, the Committee will hold the necessity of a rulemaking options paper in abeyance, pending Ms. Cohan's review of LSC's current existing regulations.

Chairman Keckler solicited public comment and received none.

There was no new business to consider.

MOTION

Ms. Mikva moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Grey seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

The *open session* meeting of the Committee adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes adopted by the Legal Services Corporation's Operations & Regulations Committee on April 15, 2011.

Victor M. Fortuno

Vice President for Legal Affairs,

General Counsel & Corporate Secretary