Legal Services Corporation Meeting of the Operations & Regulations Committee

Open Session

Monday, April 7, 2014

Committee Chairman Charles N.W Keckler convened an open session meeting of the Legal Services Corporation's ("LSC") Operations and Regulations Committee ("the Committee") at 3:02 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014. The meeting was held at the F. William McCalpin Conference Center, LSC Headquarters, 3333 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

The following Committee members were present:

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

Other Board members present:

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

Also attending were:

James J. Sandman President

Lynn Jennings Vice President for Grants Management

Richard L. Sloane Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the President

Rebecca Fertig Cohen Special Assistant to the President

Ronald S. Flagg Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel, and Corporate

Secretary

Katherine Ward Executive Assistant, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)

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

Stefanie Davis Assistant General Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)

Diane Camosy Post Graduate Fellow, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)

Flor Gardea Intern, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)

David L. Richardson Comptroller and Treasurer

Traci Higgins Director, Office of Human Resources

Carol Bergman Director, Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs

(GRPA)

Wendy Long Executive Assistant, Office of Government Relations and Public

Affairs (GRPA)

Jeffrey E. Schanz Inspector General

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Laurie Tarantowicz Assistant Inspector General and Legal Counsel, Office of the

Inspector General (OIG)

Thomas Coogan Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Office of the

Inspector General (OIG)

David Maddox Assistant Inspector General for Management and Evaluation,

Office of the Inspector General

Daniel Sheahan Program Evaluation Analyst, Office of the Inspector General Magali Khalkho Resource Management Specialist, Office of the Inspector General

Lora M. Rath Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement (OCE)

Janet LaBella Director, Office of Program Performance (OPP)

Herbert S. Garten Non-Director Member, Institutional Advancement Committee

Allan J. Tanenbaum Non-Director Member, Finance Committee

Thomas Smegal Non-Director Member, Institutional Advancement Committee
Don Saunders National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA)
Robin Murphy National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA)

Berish Anver National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project

Dominique Martin Law99.com

Terry Brooks American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Aid and

Indigent Defendants (SCLAID)

LaVon Smith Office of Information Technology

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

Committee Chairman Keckler noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

MOTION

Mr. Grey moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Mikva seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

MOTION

Mr. Grey moved to approve the minutes of the Committee meetings of March 3, 2014. Ms. Mikva seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

President Sandman and Ms. Higgins provided reports on LSC's progress in performance management and human capital management. President Sandman and Ms. Higgins answered Committee members' questions.

Ms. Davis updated the Committee on the proposed final rule amending 45 CFR Part 1613, Restrictions on Legal Assistance in Criminal Proceedings. Ms. Davis answered Committee members' questions.

Committee Chairman Keckler invited public comment and received none.

MOTION

Ms. Mikva moved to recommend approval of proposed final rule, as amended to reflect a change in the preamble. Mr. Grey seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

Ms. Davis updated the Committee on the proposed final rule and program letter amending 45 CFR Part 1626, Restrictions on Legal Assistance to Aliens, and answered Committee members' questions. Committee Chairman Keckler invited public comment on additional amendments to Part 1626 rule. The Committee received comments from Don Saunders, National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA).

MOTION

Mr. Grey moved to recommend approval of the proposed final rule, as amended to reflect the substance of the Committee's discussion. Ms. Mikva seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

Committee Chairman Keckler then discussed public comments received regarding 45 CFR § 1626.5, and provision of assistance to aliens subject to withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture (CAT) and deferral of removal under the CAT. Committee members requested additional information. Mr. Flagg agreed to present a memo addressing the issues at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Flagg provided an overview on the revised draft text for the Private Attorney Involvement proposed rule, 45 CFR Part 1614. Ms. Davis presented additional information regarding proposed revisions to the rule. Mr. Flagg, Ms. Davis and Mr. Freedman answered Committee members' questions.

Committee Chairman Keckler invited public comments on the proposed revised rule. The Committee received public comments from Robin Murphy, National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA) and Terry Brooks, American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID).

MOTION

Ms. Mikva moved to recommend approval of the revised draft notice of proposed rulemaking, as amended to reflect the substance of the Committee's discussions. Mr. Grey seconded the motion.

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

Committee Chairman Keckler invited public comment and received none.

There was no other business to consider.

MOTION

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

VOTE

The motion passed by voice vote.

The meeting of the Committee adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes adopted by the Legal Services Corporation's Operations and Regulations Committee on July 20, 2014.

Ronald S. Flagg

Vice President for Legal Affairs,

General Counsel & Corporate Secretary