



Staff Memorandum

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Agenda Item 5(e)
(Consent Calendar)

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of amended Stated Purpose of Committee to Ensure Quality of Mandated Representation.

Attached is the amended stated purpose of the Committee to Ensure Quality of Mandated Representation to include the charge to find ways that defense providers can pool and share resources, and to improve efficiency and the quality of available legal representation.

Committee to Ensure Quality of Mandated Representation

Revised Mission Statement

The Committee to Ensure Quality of Mandated Representation is charged with the duty of studying issues, and making recommendations to the Executive Committee, relevant to methods of providing mandated representation. The Committee shall undertake other activities, such as sponsoring CLE programs and conferences, proposing and commenting on legislation, and proposing and commenting on court rules, that will further the goal of ensuring quality mandated representation. In addition, the Committee will identify ways that indigent defense provider offices in the state can share resources with each other, particularly on a regional basis. In furtherance of this objective, the Committee shall generate a report discussing methods of sharing resources between indigent defense providers; addressing any legal impediments thereto; preparing model agreements and programs; and identifying efforts that successfully promote the sharing of resources.

The intention of these efforts is to ensure that the State of New York and local governments charged by the State with providing such representation, do so in a manner which ensures quality representation to clients, while taking into account the financial requirements imposed upon the State of New York and local governments.