Standing Committee on Self-Represented Litigants Agenda December 16, 2013

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

It is the vision of the Standing Committee on Self-Represented Litigants to achieve the fair and efficient resolution of unmet legal needs.

1. Introductions and roll call 1 min

2. Public comment about non-agenda items 3 min

3. Approve minutes 1 min

a. October 30, 2013

4. Form sub-committee 15 min

a. Form progress

5. Strategic Planning

1.5 hours

- a. Referral to SCSRL for review of potential access strategies
 - ∞Prepare a study and recommendations regarding SRL
 - ∞Formalize the process and create a mechanism for form development
 - ∞Continue support for self-help center
 - ∞Study potential changes to Code of Judicial Conduct and Professional Code of Conduct
 - ∞Update and renew training on difference between legal information and legal advice
 - ∞Hold a retreat for court leadership team
 - ∞Conduct an inventory of resources
 - ∞Update SRL handbook for judges
- b. SCSRL Emphasis Area: Collaboration/Communication
 - ∞Develop portal where public can contact the committee directly
 - ∞Identify those people who should be collaborating with SCSRL
 - ∞SRL Summit
 - ∞Create a State of Montana SRL report
- c. SCSRL Emphasis Area: Education/Training/Communication
 - ∞Legal information vs. Legal Advice
 - ∞Form webinars
 - ∞Create uniform messaging on SRL
 - ∞Updating judicial bench book
 - ∞Encouraging use of judicial bench book
 - ∞Pointing people toward Richard Zorza's SRL network and national manual
 - ∞Producing guide/checklist for working with SRL
 - ∞Educating public service providers, attorney, and judges (bench book, manual, or other means

- ∞Law in the Library trainings (New)
- ∞Creation of practice tips (for judges/attorneys) on SRL (New)
- ∞Set up communication method for regular updates to attorneys, judges, public on our work. (Newsletter or other updates) (New)
- d. SCSRL Emphasis Area: Developing self-help resources/tools
 - ∞Inventory self-help tools and resources
 - ∞Continue support of the Court Help Program
 - ∞Support pro bono, modest means, and limited scope
 - ∞ Work on the tools we have now which are form development and current access to current programs
 - ∞Identify areas where there are gaps in information that a person navigating the court system would have difficulty with, and identify collaborators to work on filling the gap.
- e. SCSRL Emphasis Area: Legislation and rule changes
- 6. New business 10 min
- 7. Suggested next regular business meeting in January 2014
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