

New Peer Groups Approved

Based on directions from the CCOC Executive Council, CCOC staff has been working with Dr. Benjamin S. Shippen with Economic Research Services, Inc. (ERS Group) to conduct the Council approved biennial review of the clerk peer groups.

During the June 6 Finance and Budget Committee workshop, Dr. Shippen was available to provide an overview of the draft report he developed including the recommendations for new peer groups. Dr. Shippen's overview included a summary of the data, analysis, and results described in the report, a copy of which is available on the CCOC's website.

The Committee adopted the draft report contingent upon comments from clerks and clerk staff. Based on an email solicitation, five comments regarding the draft report were received. With Dr. Shippen's input, responses to the five comments were developed. The comments generally appear technical in nature and do not seem to raise insurmountable issues with the use of the new peer groups.

Final approval for the new peer groups was received by the CCOC Executive Council during their July 27th meeting.

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Budget and Allocation Workshops

Under the direction of the CCOC Finance and Budget Committee, a series of budget and allocation workshops are being held to make improvements in the allocation of budgeted FTE and budgeted expenditures across the 10 court divisions (i.e., core services). The overall objective of these workshops is to generate more valid and reliable data for use by the Committee during their SFY 2013-14 budget deliberations.

There are a total of seven workshops scheduled through the month of July and early August. The workshops are open to all wishing to attend and will generally cover the same materials. The first six workshops will also address specific issues related to the six proposed peer groups. The seventh workshop will be a wrap-up session.

For a schedule of the remaining workshops and to access materials

Calendar of Events

August
1 Service Units Report Due

August
2 Budget & Allocation Workshops
August 2 @ 10:00 AM
Focus on Peer Group 1
August 7 @ 10:00 AM
Wrap-up Session

August
7 CCOC Plan of Operations Review Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 7th
9:00 a.m. ET
County Center 13th Floor
601 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Tampa, FL

October
1 Budgets Due

CCOC Links

[National Center for State Courts Awarded Collection Study](#)

[State Revenue Estimating Conference Meeting](#)

[Russ Duncan's Blog on Collections Up and Running](#)

Other

used during the workshops, please visit the CCOC website at www.flccoc.org. If you have any questions regarding the workshops, please direct them to Greg Cowan at gcowan@flccoc.org.

SFY 2011-2012 3rd Quarter Action Plan

Florida Statutes require the CCOC to monitor Clerk performance in meeting standards related to collections, timely filing and docketing cases, and providing timely payments to jurors. CCOC is also required to monitor Clerks' plans to correct and/or improve performance if the standard is not met. At its July 27 meeting, the Executive Council approved the release of the 3rd quarter action plans for SFY 2011-2012.

Congratulations to 8 counties for meeting all performance standards this quarter; they are: Bradford, Clay, Collier, Flagler, Hendry, Jefferson, Seminole, and Sumter. Criminal courts and civil traffic collections continues to be a challenge. Despite budget cut backs there was some improvement in filing and docketing cases timely. If you want to see more specifics about performance indicators go to the CCOC website: www.flccoc.org. For more information please contact Doug Isabelle.

Our Mission:

As a governmental organization created by the Legislature, we evaluate Clerks' court-related budgetary needs and recommend the fair and equitable allocation of resources needed to sustain court operations.
