

Law Library Board Meeting February 3, 2022

Those in attendance were Emmalie Brudzinski, Jacob Grussing, Barbara Weckman Brekke, the Honorable Colleen Goggins King and Jody Kieser Kisting.

Continued discussion took place about the updating of the board's by-laws. The board will have up to seven members and the membership will reflect the language contained in the statute. The board will meet quarterly and a quorum will consist of a majority of the board members. The library administrator will designate a staff person to attend the meetings and take minutes for all meetings.

Emmalie applied for and received a grant for the jail through ARPA – a Dep of Education grant specific to law libraries. Just over \$8,000 was received. Emmalie's recommendation is to increase the electronics available and physical legal materials, for jail inmates and increase the number of 1-1 meetings with law librarians. Emmalie is currently working on building relationships with jail resource staff and the law library is on the free call list so jail inmates can leave voice mails. The goal is to improve service delivery rather than change services. Emmalie is hoping to have this available by the end of March when the move into the jail law library space takes place. The goal is also to improve the technology available to inmates, provide terminals to look up caselaw, have more access to books, and provide mobile units so inmates can move around to units. Emmalie hears from most inmates who have not yet been assigned a public defender or had their first appearance in court. She also sees people that decide they want to represent themselves. Emmalie will work with Katie Pearson from Human Services to determine what services are available. Emmalie anticipates the funding provided through the grant will be used mostly toward logistics- including purchasing materials, making technology more accessible by making word processing programs and accounts for saving information more readily available.

It is anticipated that a topic of discussion for the next meeting will be about Housing Court and potential funding sources to assist litigants.