

Performance measures adopted by Supreme Court and implementation of measures in District Courts

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Program or Project Description:

Collection of performance measurement data for the Supreme Court and implementation of performance measures in district courts

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source

Fund Name:	2010		2011		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 30, 2010
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	33,313,815	25,207,169			
State Special	4,935,401	1,182,239			
Federal Funds	2,053,168	683,433			
Total:	\$40,302,384	\$27,072,841	\$0	\$0	

Goal(s):

Monitor performance measures implemented in Supreme Court. Implement performance measures in District Courts.

Performance Measures :

Supreme Court:

- Employee survey results
- User survey results
- Case processing measures including: case clearance; age of pending caseload; on time case processing; and comparison to baseline data

District Court:

- Status of implementation of performance measures

FOR JUNE 2010 - workgroup would like update on implementation in District Courts.

Note: Appropriation and expenditure amounts include the Supreme Court Operations and District Court Operations Programs.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:

	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
1 Produce quarterly report on Supreme Court case processing measures.	Jan. 2010; April 2010	Jan. 2010; April 2010
2 Conduct annual employee survey for Supreme Court	June 2010; June 2011	
3 Conduct biennial user survey for Supreme Court	Sept. 2010	
4 Final report of District Court Performance Measures Advisory Committee presented to District Court Council	Jan. 2010	May-10
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Performance Report:

Supreme Court

- The Supreme Court's performance measures are posted at <http://courts.mt.gov/supreme/measures/default.mcp.x>.
- The third annual Supreme Court employee survey will be conducted in June 2010.
- The second user survey of the bench, bar, and law school faculty will be conducted in September 2010.
- The case processing measures report for 1st quarter of CY 2010 is attached.

District Courts

- In May 2010, the District Court Council (DCC) adopted the recommendations of the District Court Management Advisory Committee (DCMAC). The DCMAC's task was to identify appropriate court management tools using model approaches developed by the National Center for State Courts. The DCMAC began its work in February 2008.
- As recommended by the DCMAC, the DCC adopted and endorsed a court management system anchored by the following core tools:
 - o Tool 1: Court user survey
 - o Tool 2: On-time case processing
 - o Tool 3: Case clearance rate
 - o Tool 4: Age of active cases
- The DCC also endorsed the consistent and regular compilation of data for Tools 2, 3, and 4 and the development of an automated delivery system for the tools (i.e., a management dashboard). The Council further recommended that the court user survey (Tool 1) be conducted on a biennial basis.
- Tools 2, 3, and 4 will be tested in seven pilot Judicial Districts (9th, 11th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st) covering 18 counties.
 - o Before testing begins, modifications to the FullCourt case management system are needed to support the case processing measures.
 - o Additionally, Clerks of District Court in the pilot counties must prepare the case filing data (i.e., convert to new case statuses) before the measures are implemented.
 - o The target completion date for the pilot districts is September 30, 2010.
- The DCMAC final report can be found at <http://courts.mt.gov/dcourt/measures/default.mcp.x>.

LFD Narrative:

LFD Assessment: On Track

Data Relevance: Yes

Appropriation Status: Appropriations and expenditures for Supreme Court and District Court Operations Programs are included.

Comments/Issues: Implementation of measures in district courts is progressing

Options:

- Change LFD assessment
- Release from reporting
- Request update on district court implementation in October 2010

Version	Date	Author
D1	10/21/2009	Gervais
D2	6/1/2010	Gervais

Change Description
Initial report
June update