

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

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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.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund	33,313,815	6,590,521		
State Special	4,935,401	297,014		
Federal Funds	1,886,301	249,111		
Total:	\$40,135,517	\$7,136,646	\$0	\$0

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of September 30, 2009

Goal(s):

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

Performance Measures :

For Supreme Court:

- Employee survey
- Court users survey
- Case processing measures: case clearance rate; age of pending cases; time to disposition

For District Courts:

- Status of implementation of performance measures

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; July 2010; October 2010; Jan. 2011; April 2011	
2	Conduct annual employee survey for Supreme Court	June 2010; June 2011	
3	Conduct biennial constituent survey for Supreme Court	Sept. 2010	
4	Final report of District Court Performance Measures Advisory Committee presented to District Court Council	Jan. 2010	
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Performance Report:

* Supreme Court employee survey. The second annual employee survey was conducted June 2009. The results of the survey can be found at: http://courts.mt.gov/content/supreme/measures/employee_survey_results_final_july_2009. Compared to the 2008 baseline data, employees continue to be highly positive and satisfied regarding their employment with the Court.

* Supreme Court case processing measures. The reports for CY 2008 and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters of CY 2009 can be found at: http://courts.mt.gov/content/supreme/measures/2009_third_quarter_report.pdf.

-- Clearance rate: Compared to the baseline data (3rd quarter, CY 2008), the Court's clearance rate -- the ratio of outgoing to incoming cases -- improved from 99% to 117% for 3rd quarter, CY 2009.

-- Age of pending cases: The percentage of direct appeal cases less than 365 days old improved from 83% as of September 30, 2008 to 92% as of September 30, 2009.

-- Time to disposition. The median length of time for the Court to dispose of a direct appeal case dropped from 259 days in 3rd quarter, CY 2008 to 145 days in 3rd quarter, CY 2009.

* District Court court user surveys. The court user survey has been successfully piloted in the following judicial districts: 9th (Pondera, Glacier, Teton, and Toole Counties), 10th (Fergus, Judith Basin, and Petroleum Counties), 11th (Flathead County), 13th (Yellowstone County), and 21st (Ravalli County).

LFD Narrative:

LFD Assessment: On track

Data Relevance: Yes

Appropriation Status: Appropriations for Supreme Court and District Court Operations included

Comments/Issues: Positive achievement are indicated by performance measures

Options:

-- change LFD assessment

-- release from reporting

--request update on District Court Advisory Council Recommendations in March 2010



Version	Date	Author
D1	10/21/2009	Gervais

Change Description





