STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTIES OF BECKER, BENTON, CLAY, DOUGLAS, MILLE LACS, MORRISON, OTTER TAIL, STEARNS, TODD, WADENA

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE: Parent Education Program in

Proceedings Involving Children,

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 518.157.

ORDER

Whereas, Minn. Stat. § 518.157 requires the Chief Judge of each judicial district to implement Parent Education courses for cases involving contested custody or parenting time; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Supreme Court has established Minimum Standards for these courses, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 518.157, subd. 2; and

Whereas, the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO), Court Services Division (CSD), Programs and Ancillary Services Department, has a process for evaluating courses and determining whether they meet the Minimum Standards through the Parent Education Course Approval Coordinator (Coordinator); and

Whereas, the Seventh District is committed to preserving local and state resources by avoiding duplicative processes,

It is Hereby Ordered:

ORDER

- 1. The Counties of the Seventh District shall accept all courses approved by the SCAO Parent Education Course Approval Coordinator as meeting the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 518.157.
- 2. The SCAO Parent Education Course Approval Coordinator shall provide a URL and reference on the Minnesota Judicial Branch website that lists all approved courses.
- 3. The Seventh District Parent Education orders and materials supplied to litigants by court administrators, shall reference the URL for the webpage so that litigants have access the most up-to-date listing of courses.
- 4. As courses are approved, or removed from approval, by the Coordinator, the webpage shall up dated.

7/9/2019

Honorable Jay Carlson

BY THE COURT:

Seventh Judicia/District Chief Judge