

INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL
Meeting of Board of Directors - March 22, 1990

Sent to
Hennessy
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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council (IPDC) was called to order by chairman David Hennessy at 6:25 p.m. on March 22, 1990 at the Marriott Hotel, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN. Present were David Hennessy, Kevin McGoff, Linda Wagoner, Susan Carpenter, David Keckley, and Dan Toomey. Staff members in attendance were Larry Landis, Michelle Mays, and Larry Vellani

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

After a report supplementing the written Executive Director's Report dated March 1990, the Board took the following actions:

- a. Sandy Bryant's resignation was accepted. Kevin McGoff moved to delay an appointment to fill Sandy Bryant's vacancy. The motion was seconded by Susan Carpenter and passed by acclamation.
- b. Linda Wagoner moved that the annual board planning meeting be held on August 25, 1990 at Lake James. The motion was seconded by Dan Toomey and passed by acclamation.
- c. Larry Landis reported on the status of the Trial Manual and the agreement with Vickie Yaser to contract for proofreading and editing of the manual. Because she is married to the Board Chairman, David Hennessy, Larry said he wanted to make a disclosure of the intention to contract with Vickie and seek authorization from the board to avoid any appearance of an impropriety. David Hennessy excused himself as Chairman and turned control of the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Kevin McGoff. Susan Carpenter moved to authorize contracting with Vickie Yaser to edit the trial manual. The motion was seconded by Kevin McGoff and passed unanimously, with an abstention by David Hennessy.
- d. Linda Wagoner moved to authorize the filing of a grant to develop a computer database. The goals of the computer database project are: (1) to enhance information sharing among members through a bulletin board system; (2) to allow members remote access through a personal computer to the Council's Case Bank and other publications; and (3) to develop and maintain data on caseloads, salaries and indigent defense expenditures in all 92 counties. Under this grant Tom Hayner would be

moved to a computer programmer position and we would have an open attorney position for a death penalty attorney. The motion was seconded by Kevin McGoff and passed unanimously.

- e. Kevin McGoff moved to authorize the executive director to start liaison work for the next session on legislation to authorize life imprisonment without parole as an alternative to the death penalty and prohibit the death penalty if the defendant is mentally retarded. The motion was seconded by Susan Carpenter and passed unanimously.

III. INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

Susan Carpenter announced that the next meeting of the Public Defender Commission will be on April 25, 1990, 5:00 p.m. in the 4th floor conference room in the Old Trails Building. Concerns regarding the standards being considered should be submitted in writing to Larry Landis by April 6th. A telephone conference call will be held April 17th at noon.

- IV. In executive session, the board discussed the pay scale proposed by Larry Landis. The pay scale was approved as submitted, to be effective immediately.

V. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be the annual meeting on August 25, 1990 at Lake James.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Linda Wagoner, Secretary

Date: 16 May 1990

David Hennessy, Chairman

Date: _____