

**Minutes: Indiana Public Defender Council Board of
Director's Meeting**

Date: June 10, 1999

Place: Marriott Hotel North, Indianapolis, IN

Board members in attendance:

Jeff Lantz, Chair	Teresa Harper
Kitty Liell, Vice-Chair	David Hennessey
Bob Hill, Secretary	Doug Gardner
Susan Carpenter	Doug Long
Dan Toomey	

Staff Members in Attendance:

Larry Landis, Executive Director
Teresa Campbell

Others in Attendance:

Jodie English

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

I. Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

Minutes were approved with corrections.

II. Executive Director's Report:

A. IPDC Budget

Landis explained that approximately \$50,000 from last year's fiscal budget reverted due to the Training Director's position going unfilled, and due to unused contract moneys. These funds cannot be shifted from Personnel to Operations. Money remains in the budget for the Training Director Position. The Council's approximately \$1.2 million budget is relatively the same, with \$295,000 from a new grant.

B. Public Defense Fund

Landis reported that the Legislature did not approve an increase in funding for the Public Defense Fund. Landis distributed a handout with projected reimbursement in non-capital cases. The biggest problem with the Legislature rejecting the

request for an increase in funding is that as additional counties come on-line for reimbursement, there will be a projected \$1 million deficit by the second year. The Legislature will be requested to allocate supplemental funds to cover the deficit. The county general funds will suffer if supplemental money is not approved.

C. Board Election

Board members welcomed Doug Long.

D. Gideon Award

Committee nomination was affirmed by board vote. Brent Zook will receive the Gideon Award.

E. Publications Update

Landis distributed the Trial Objections pamphlet in laminated form, as well as the new Sentencing Manual. Landis reported that an updated Evidence Manual and Juvenile Manual will be completed this summer.

III. Standards

Landis requested the Board determine which standards will take priority: case load/work load standards, contract standards, or assigned counsel system standards. Currently there are no assigned counsel standards and LaPorte County is the only county required to have close out time sheets.

Landis reported that the contract with Don Spangenberg to study Marion County caseload cannot be completed due to inaccurate or incomplete data.

Landis indicated that better work load standards are needed than the ones adopted by the Commission, as they treat all type of felonies alike. Susan Carpenter suggested that performance standards take priority over workload standards so people know what should be done.

Jeff Lantz suggested requesting private attorneys contribute redacted billings, or request assigned counsel counties to share billings with the Council so workloads can be judged. As 25-30 counties do assigned counsel, Hennessey moved to examine the workloads at the assigned counsel counties, which was seconded by Gardner. After discussion Hennessey's motion was withdrawn.

Dave Hennessey moved that Juvenile standards be given priority at the retreat, which was seconded by Susan Carpenter. This motion passed.

Jeff Lantz moved to have Landis collect timesheets from board members and others in an attempt to gather data on case load/work load standards. Susan Carpenter seconded the motion, which was passed. Landis will request timesheets from counsel through DefendNet.

IV. Miscellaneous New Business

Jeff Lantz will reply to the inmate who wrote the letter to the Board concerning Don Pagos.

V. Board Retreat


Board Retreat was confirmed for September 24 & 25, 1999, at French Lick Springs, Indiana.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Submitted by Katharine C. Liell.

Approved by:



Date: _____