

Indiana Public Defender Council
Meeting of Board of Directors - October 28, 1986

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council was called to order by John Surbeck, Chairman, at 4:45 p.m. on October 28, 1986 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Indianapolis, Indiana. Council Board members present: John Surbeck, Mark McNeely, Dan Weber, Gene Hollander, Susan Carpenter, David Keckley, Dave Hennessy, and Terry Richmond. The following members of the IPDC staff attended: Larry Landis, Mary Sinnock and Monica Foster.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous Board meeting held July 24, 1986 had been distributed to Board members in advance and were approved by unanimous consent.

C. REPORT ON COUNCIL SERVICES

Larry Landis reported on Council activity in the following areas:

1. Programs. The next seminar will be a death penalty defense program in February 1987; followed by the Annual Meeting (selection of criminal defense topics) in June 1987. A workshop on courtroom communications is being considered for January or late spring 1987.
2. Manuals. Work is underway on the expert witness referral directory. Updating the Sentencing Manual will begin in November/December. Henry Karlson will be contracted to update the Evidence Handbook in the spring of 1987. Work continues on the Trial Manual, which is scheduled for distribution in the summer of 1987.
3. Sentencing Alternatives Project. The CSP project has been launched with the hiring of Rita Akins as Director, Case Developer Tanya Dickinson, and Juvenile Resource Director/Case Developer Steve Brock. The first case completed by the project was submitted on Oct. 28th in a case in Marion County, and was accepted. Cases will be done in St. Joseph county by a case developer under contract with the IPDC.
4. Mandatory CLE. The original list of approved agencies erroneously omitted the IPDC and the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council. This oversight will be corrected when the CLE Commission is appointed.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Defender Bill - Partial State Funding.

Larry asked the Board for their position on several provisions of the legislation which may need to be negotiated as the bill is considered by the legislature. David Hennessy made a motion which was seconded by Dan Weber that the Executive Committee be authorized to take positions consistent with the Board's intent as issues develop during the session. The motion was unanimously adopted.

2. Backlog of Appeals in Lake County.

Gene Hollander asked if the backlog of appeals in Lake County had improved and if any action had been taken by the Council following the Board's resolution on this matter. Larry Landis reported that the resolution was sent to Dan Toomey and that staff had not initiated any action regarding this problem.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Request. The Council's biennium budget request for 1987-88 and 1988-89 was submitted in August. In addition to the base budget, funding was requested for eight "priority projects". These included additional legal and clerical staff, funding for more training programs and manuals, a death penalty assistance staff, and state funding of the sentencing alternatives project in 1988-89. A hearing on the IPDC's request was held September 15th by the Budget Committee, which is composed of representatives from the legislature and the state budget agency. No further action will take place on the budget request until the legislature convenes in January. Board members will be kept advised of hearings and progress.

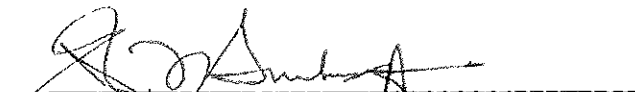
F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Weber, Secretary



John F. Surbeck, Jr., Chairman

Date 3/18/87