

**INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Courtyard Marriott  
Alumni Room  
310 S. College Avenue  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012  
6:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council (IPDC) was called to order by Board Chairperson David Cook at 6:40 PM on April 11, 2012, in the Alumni Room of the Courtyard Marriott, Bloomington.

Board members present were: David Cook, Robert Hill, Michael McDaniel, Steve Owens, Lorinda Youngcourt, Neil Weisman, and Michelle Kraus.

Board members participating via teleconference were: none

Board members absent were: David Hennessy, Zaki Ali, and Sonya Scott.

IPDC staff members present were: Larry Landis, Teresa Campbell, and Andrew Cullen.

**A. Approval of minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2012 Board Meeting was made by Michael McDaniel. Steve Owens seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**B. Review and approval of agenda**

Larry Landis submitted a revised agenda. The agenda was approved by consent.

**II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Administration**

Larry Landis advised the board that Chief Justice Shepard authorized a 2.2 percent pay increase for Judicial Branch employees. He indicated that this would be the subject of the Executive Session.

Bob Hill moved to approve the Performance Guidelines and moved that the Performance Guidelines be an agenda item for all future Board Retreats to ensure that the Guidelines are reviewed annually. Michael McDaniel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A discussion was held about methods to further improve performance. Michelle Kraus explained that Allen County had recently experienced some issues due to poor performance in appellate cases. Lorinda Youngcourt questioned whether IPDC's Appellate Training should be more focused on new lawyers. Bob Hill suggested including a session on beginning appellate practice at the Trial Practice Institute (TPI). Larry expressed concerns that the training methods used at TPI may not be complimentary with the methods used for training on appellate advocacy.

Bob Hill further suggested that it may be beneficial to have Ann Sutton from his office offer training on Performance Standards at a future Chief PD meeting.

#### **IV. CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY & LEGISLATION**

##### **A. 2012 Legislation Update**

Larry Landis and Andrew Cullen distributed a summary of the 2012 Enrolled Acts that effect criminal justice issues. There were two pieces of legislations drafted at IPDC's request this session: HEA 1033 (Conversion of Class D Felonies to Class A Misdemeanors); and SEA 97 (Public Intoxication). Both were passed and signed by Governor Daniels.

Larry and Andrew answered various questions and both expressed a general satisfaction with the results from the legislative session. There were few new crimes or sentence enhancements enacted, and several bills that IPDC supported were passed.

##### **B. 2013 Legislative Priorities**

A discussion was held regarding IPDC's 2013 legislative priorities. Larry asked for the board's input on the possibility of the creation of a statewide office for TPR/CHINS cases. Lorinda Youngcourt expressed some concern about centralizing those cases because of the local and time-sensitive nature of the cases.

Bob Hill asked about the possibility of state reimbursement for TPR/CHINS cases through the Public Defender Commission. Larry indicated that could be done if additional funding was provided by the legislature. The board agreed by consensus that a legislative priority should be to increase funding for the Public Defender Commission to 100% for Chief Public Defenders and Chief Deputies and 40% for TPR/CHINS cases.

Andrew Cullen indicated that this would certainly have a significant fiscal impact to the state, and success in achieving this goal would depend greatly on who is appointed to replace the retiring Rep. Jeff Espich as the House Ways & Means Committee Chair as well as the state's revenue forecast for the 2013-2014 biennium.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m. Chairperson Cook announced that the board had approved the salary adjustments recommended by the Executive Director.

**VII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING DATE**

The board decided that the next meeting should occur the evening prior to the Annual Update Seminar.

The next meeting of the IPDC Board of Directors will be Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the JW Marriott in Downtown Indianapolis.

The board adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cullen, IPDC Staff.

**Submitted by:**

Lorinda Youngcourt  
Lorinda Youngcourt, Secretary

6/28/2012  
Date

**Approved by:**

David Cook  
David Cook, Chairperson

6/28/12  
Date