

INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL

Board Meeting
January 19, 2007
Hilton Garden Inn
Indianapolis, IN

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council (IPDC) was called to order by Chair David Hennessy at 6:10 p.m. in the Fletcher Trust Boardroom at the Hilton Garden Inn, Indianapolis, Indiana. Board members present were David Hennessy, David Cook, Bob Hill, Micki Kraus, Mike McDaniel, Lorinda Youngcourt, and Sonya Scott. Staff present was Larry Landis.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on October 7, 2006 were unanimously approved.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. IPDC Budget

Larry Landis reported that it was too soon to know much about the IPDC funding in the state budget except that the State Budget Committee was not recommending any funding for new programs for state agencies.

B. ICJI Grant

Larry Landis reported that the ICJI Grant will be submitted requesting for \$74,233 for web-based teleconferencing and training, and for the development of additional standards for submission for the Public Defender Commission.

C. Training Report

Larry Landis reported that a training grant was submitted to BJA for death penalty training that was included in the materials distributed to the board.

D. Public Defender Commission and Fund

1. Larry Landis reported that the Public Defender Commission has requested the Chief Justice to appoint a 15 member Task Force on Indigent Defense. He

also reported that the Chief Justice included a statement in his State of the Judiciary Speech on January 17, recommending state funding for indigent defense and probation/community corrections.

2. Larry Landis also reported that he had received 8 county resolutions from chief public defenders supporting increased funding for the Public Defender Fund. These resolutions were sent to the House Ways and Means Committee.

E. Forensic Diversion Fund

Larry Landis reported that the Forensic Diversion Committee has recommended to the legislature adequately funding for Forensic Diversion programs and that the subcommittee he chaired recommended annual funding of \$13.3 million for the forensic diversion account in the DOC budget.

IV. LEGISLATION

The board reviewed pending legislation affecting criminal and juvenile law and took positions and several bills as indicated in Exhibit A.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Vacant Board Position.

With the election of Terry Harper to the bench in Monroe County, a board vacancy exists. After a discussion of the options to fill this position, the board decided to place a notice in the Indiana Defender announcing the vacancy and asking interested persons to submit their name and relevant information to the executive director and the board would fill the vacancy at the next meeting.

B. Board Retreat

The annual board retreat will be held on July 21, 2007, in French Lick, Indiana.

C. Salary Schedule

Larry Landis presented the board with the annual salary schedule which recommended a 4% increase for all employees consistent with the raises approved by the executive and judicial branches of state government. After meeting in executive session, the board approved the proposed salary schedule with the exception that the executive director's salary should be adjusted to be the same as the salaries of the other heads of judicial branch agencies, including the state public defender.

VI. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be on March 16, 2007, at 6 pm.

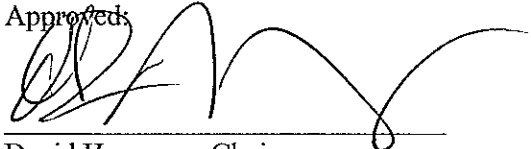
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry A. Landis

Date: _____

Approved:



David Hennessy, Chair

Date: 3/16/07