

**INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, January 21, 2012**

**Hilton Garden Inn
Vonnegut Room
10 East Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

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 1:05 PM on January 21, 2012, in the Vonnegut Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, Indianapolis.

Board members present were: David Cook, David Hennessy, Zaki Ali, Robert Hill, Michael McDaniel, Steve Owens, and Lorinda Youngcourt.

Board members participating via teleconference were: none

Board members absent were: Michelle Kraus, Sonya Scott, and Neil Weisman.

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/AGENDA

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2011 meeting was made by Lorinda Youngcourt. Mike McDaniel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

A tentative agenda was distributed by Larry Landis. The agenda was approved by consensus.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. ICJI GRANT/PDIS

Larry distributed the recent grant application for the Public Defender Information System (PDIS) and an e-mail from Don Murphy outlining some of the issues with the implementation of the system. Larry explained that he has come to the realization that our system was not being properly prioritized by the developer. He announced that the current contract has been cancelled and IPDC is currently working with Crowe Horwath, LLP, to evaluate the next course of action.

Larry explained that we are exploring a new system which will likely be more expensive but will offer the type of independence and control over the system that we need. Bob Hill asked when the project would be completed. Larry explained that IPDC hopes to have it at least operational by the end of the year.

Lorinda Youngcourt explained that the current system is non-functional. Her office has been forced to revert to a paper system.

B. TRAINING

Larry distributed an updated training schedule for 2012.

Larry asked that a committee comprised of Lorinda Youngcourt, David Hennessy, and Stacy Uliana should begin working to plan for the Forensic Seminar. Teresa Campbell will coordinate a conference call to begin work.

Bob Hill questioned whether IPDC was currently meeting the training needs of all the Public Defender offices in the state. Mike McDaniel stressed the importance of case reviews and raised the possibility of mandatory training sessions.

IV. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Larry distributed a draft Performance Standards Manual that was produced by Paula Sites and Jack Kenney. Larry asked the board to review the draft and contact Paula with any comments.

Dave Cook asked when the standards would be published. Larry indicated that the manual would likely be available for publication by the next board meeting.

V. CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY

A. JUVENILE WAIVER OF COUNSEL

Larry informed the board that the Indiana State Bar Association recently endorsed the proposed Juvenile Waiver of Counsel Court Rule and made suggestions to make the rule stronger. He has been working with a group of juvenile judges in an attempt to address concerns that have been raised by some judges.

Concerns were raised about the disparate treatment of juveniles based on county of residence. Bob Hill suggested that some of the trial level attorneys in the Marion County Public Defender Agency could be helpful in this process.

VI. LEGISLATION

Larry distributed a synopsis of all the criminal justice-related bills filed in the 2012 Session of the Indiana General Assembly with suggested positions for the board to consider endorsing. He discussed the general "circus-like" nature of the current session of the General Assembly due to the so-called "Right to Work" issue that is being considered.

Larry discussed the bills, and he and Andrew Cullen answered various questions from Board members. Larry specifically asked for input on the appropriate timeframes to insert into SB 246 (Lab technician testimony). The board agreed by consensus that the timeframes in the bill were acceptable. Larry also asked for comments on SR 6 (Study committee on Indiana's grand jury system). The board was not able to agree on a position for that resolution.

The board made no changes to positions suggested by Larry on the bills.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding the board vacancy created by the resignation of Jeff Lockwood. The board agreed by consensus that it will remain vacant until the next board election.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Bob Hill made a motion that IPDC present a plaque of appreciation for Jeff Lockwood's service on the board. Andrew Cullen suggested that the board also present a plaque to retiring House Judiciary Chair, Rep. Ralph Foley, and retiring Senate Judiciary Chair, Sen. Richard Bray. Teresa Campbell suggested including Rep. Bill Crawford for his many years of support of public defense issues. Bob Hill amended his motion to include all three individuals. Mike McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

IV. NEXT MEETING DATE

The board agreed that the next meeting date should be on the evening prior to the April 12 Appellate Advocacy Seminar.

The next meeting of the IPDC Board of Directors will be Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the Courtyard Marriott (310 S. College Ave., Bloomington, IN 47403).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Minutes prepared by Andrew Cullen, IPDC Staff.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Lorinda Youngcourt, Secretary

David Cook, Chairperson

Date

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