

MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 1994, BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting convened on 3-3-94 by Linda Wagoner. Those members attending included David Keckley, Jodie English, Eric Koselke, Susan Carpenter, Linda Wagoner, Kevin McGoff, Dan Toomey, Larry Landis and Terry Harper. Staff attending included Susan Burke, Larry Valani and Jim Stites.

There were no minutes submitted for the Board's approval.

The executive director's report was submitted for discussion and review. Sandra Morgan, Sentencing Consultant, and Evalyn Kellum, Capital Sentencing Trainer and Consultant, were terminated because the grants funding their positions had come to conclusion. Paula Sites will be taking administrative responsibilities. Points noted included the office management seminar to be held on 5-6-94 and the annual update seminar. Points reviewed included the new grant projects, the biennium budget requests for 95-97 and goals identified at the retreat, all of which will be addressed at the next board meeting before the next seminar.

Legislation reviewed included the constitutional amendment for victim's rights. The amendment was watered down considerably. The amendment gives the victim the right to confer with the prosecuting attorney but no right to be heard or make a statement. The hate crimes legislation may not pass as it has mounting opposition. Other legislation cited includes two new aggravating circumstances; three strikes and out; the child molest evidence bill; and ignition interlock.

Draft Four of standards for indigent defense services in non-capital cases was submitted. Phasing-in and the effects of the standards, if adopted, on indigency rates were points discussed. Numbers and ideas about revisions to make the standards more palatable were reviewed. If using national standards, the impact is considerably lower. However, adequate support staff was not in national standards. Susan Carpenter suggested phasing-in with increases after review of data. Also, data may be effected by indigency determination examination. It was noted that there is no enforcement provision for indigency.

Jodi English proposed use of national standards for an interim period. Susan Carpenter seconded. The chart in Draft Four was amended. See attached. It was also suggested that there be a footnote to reflect that there may be a few D felonies in an otherwise all other felony classification caseload. Larry Landis will be redrafting draft four to reflect the changes adopted by the board and writing the commentary.

Eric Koselke and Terry Harper will be board members assisting staff with the annual update seminar.

Dan Toomey arrived and took over the responsibilities of the minutes.