

**Board Meeting
March 4, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Indianapolis, Indiana**

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 Mike McDaniel at 6:06 PM in the Board Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Board members present were David Cook, David Hennessy, Bob Hill, Mike McDaniel, Sonya Scott, Neil Weisman and Lorinda Youngcourt. Staff present were Larry Landis, Teresa Campbell, and Loretta Jackson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Administration

Larry reported no changes.

B. Web site and Google Search

Larry reported that the new web design with the Google search function is now operational, which Lorinda demonstrated for the Board.

Larry reported that he wants to charge private criminal defense attorneys \$100 per year to access our site. Currently, there is a one-time fee of \$25.00. After a discussion of whether to charge, how much to charge, what constitutes a "regularly appointed" public defender and whether IPDC can stipulate a certain number of indigent cases per year (we can't), it was moved, seconded and passed that IPDC would charge \$100 per year for private attorneys, with a review of the new policy after one year.

C. Public Defender Module/JTAC

Larry reported that the first phase of the PD Module should be ready in July and completed by October. He also stated that a number of counties are keeping CSI. CSI has a case management information system that needs to be updated. Larry and Don are going to meet with Kevin Cook of CSI to discuss updating their MIS and developing a system that will interface with CSI. Lorinda brought up that 52 counties use DOXPOP and why aren't we working with them. Larry stated that we don't want to pay DOXPOP when we can go directly to the source – the courts – for free.

D. Quality Standards

Larry reported that public defender offices are not embracing the concept of internal quality control, but that the case review training sessions with Ernie Lewis have gone well. However, we cannot rely solely on Ernie and need to get our board members and other attorneys involved.

E. Training

Bob Hill, Mike McDaniel, Lorinda Youngcourt and Dave Shircliff are working on TPI, scheduled for April.

Larry will coordinate the Annual Update. Bob Hill and Mike McDaniel suggested having public defenders from different regions in the state report on what's happening in their area or on successful programs that could be implemented in other regions.

Lorinda suggested asking Dave Lewis to speak at annual. She agreed to contact him.

IV. INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEMS

Larry stated there are no new developments at this time.

V. LEGISLATION UPDATE

Larry reported on a generally successful session – few new crimes or enhancements.

HB 1271 - passed as proposed; in conference committee. Diversion must be approved by judge and prosecutor, no guilty plea required.

SB 149 - DCS wants statutory authority to interview a child without parental consent. Larry has been fighting over the use of the word "shall" vs "may" in directing the court to order the interview.

SB 224 - "sexting" - has been sent to the Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

SB 340 - reduced standard period parole from two years to one year.

SB 415 - new credit time system; six months off for cognitive behavioral therapy.

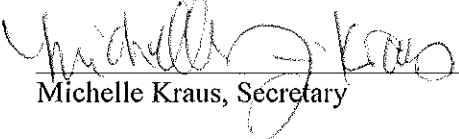
VI. NEXT MEETING

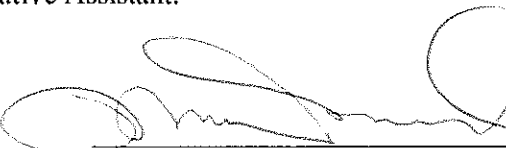
The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be the annual board retreat on June 4-5, 2010 at Belterra Resort in Switzerland County.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Prepared by Loretta Jackson, Executive Assistant.

Submitted:


Michelle Kraus, Secretary


Michael McDaniel, Chair