

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

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Hilton North

Indianapolis, IN

Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Chair Michelle Kraus.

Board members present were: Michelle Kraus (Chairperson), Lorinda Youngcourt (Vice-Chairperson) by conference call, Neil Weisman (Secretary), Luther Garcia, David Hennessy, Robert Hill, Gojko Kasich, Michael McDaniel, and Joel Weineke.

IPDC Staff present were: Larry Landis, Paula Sites, and Don Murphy.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lorinda Youngcourt moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 5, 2013. Michael McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

David Hennessy moved to approve the proposed agenda. Neil Weisman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Administration Staff

Larry Landis announced that JoAnn Pickett was diagnosed with cancer and will not be returning to work on a full-time basis. Toni Schaney is serving as Larry's administrative assistant. Teresa will send JoAnn's mailing address to the Board members.

B. Public Defender Information System (PDIS)

Larry informed the Board that the Marion County Public Defender Agency will receive \$325,000 from the Marion City-County Council for software development when the county converts to Odyssey. This money will be used to enhance PDIS so that it addresses the needs of the Marion County Public Defender Agency. IPDC will

use the 2014 ICJI grant and approximately \$100,000 in state funding for additional development, system maintenance, and training and support for uses. Larry reported that he would request funding for PDIS in the FY 2015-16 biennium budget request.

C. Qualifications for CHINS/TPR Cases

The Board decided by acclamation to recommend that the Public Defender Commission amend Standards E and F to permit a public defender or appointed counsel who does not meet the experience requirements to be qualified to represent a client in a TPR case if that had another lawyer with them as co-counsel who meets the requirements of at least one year experience in TPR litigation and has tried at least one case to completion.

D. Training Director Update

Larry reported that the attendance at seminars has been increasing and the evaluations for the past number of seminars have been good. He said Stacy Uliana and Don Murphy would be assigned additional training responsibilities and that he would continue to contract with program directors to design and run some of the programs, e.g., appellate, juvenile, CHINS/TPR.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Paula Sites Report

1. Mental Health Seminar

Paula Sites requested suggestions for topics for the upcoming seminar. Board members made the following suggestions:

- a. Representing marginally competent clients;
- b. How to identify mental health issues; and
- c. How to address issues that don't rise to the level of competency or insanity, but affects your ability to represent him/her.

2. Publications Update

The Board approved by acclamation a motion to increase the price of manuals by \$10 per manual.

B. Don Murphy's Report

1. Training

- a. Don Murphy summarized his training activities and technical assistance with county public defender offices.
- b. Joel Weineke recommended bringing in more out-of-state speakers.
- c. Micki Kraus volunteered to mentor public defenders in her area of the state.

2. Floyd County

Mike McDaniel reported that the new death penalty cases filed in Floyd County were causing problems for the Floyd County Public Defender Office and the Chief Public Defender.

V. LEGISLATION

A. Update

Larry Landis reported on criminal justice legislation in the Indiana General Assembly, including the current status of HB 1006.

B. Public Defender Commission

1. Larry reported that the Indiana Chief Defenders Association formed a committee to examine the Commission's caseload standards based on the new classification of crimes.
2. Neil Weisman moved that IPDC recommend to the Public Defender Commission that they make funding for reimbursement of the salaries of chief public defenders and deputy chiefs the first priority for additional funding for the Commission. Joel Weineke seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 in favor and 1 against.

VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

A. Procedure to Fill Board Vacancy

1. The Board approved by consensus a process for filling the Board vacancy created by the resignation of David Cook:
 - a. A list of past board candidates should be sent to the Board.
 - b. The Board vacancy will be published to IPDC membership.

- c. The names of the incumbent members and their terms shall be published to IPDC members.
- d. Notice shall be send to IPDC members that anyone interested in being appointed to fill the vacancy should apply within 30 days.

B. Absentee Ballots

- 1. The agreed by consensus that absentee ballots must be received in the IPDC office two days prior to the Annual Update Seminar by 5 pm.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Executive Director's Evaluation

- 1. The Board approved be acclimation that the staff evaluations of the Executive Director be destroyed.

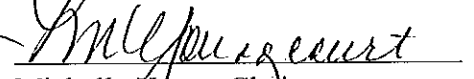
The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm, EST.

Minutes prepared by Teresa Campbell, Don Murphy, and Larry Landis.

Submitted by:

Approved by:


Neil Weisman, Secretary


~~Michelle Kraus~~, Chairperson
Lorinda Youngcourt,

Date: _____

Date: 9/28/2014