

MINUTES
of
INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting
held
March 24, 1995

Location: Ramada Inn Restaurant, Downtown Indianapolis

Jodie English, Chairperson, called the meeting to Order.

Board Members Present: Kitty Liell
Susan Carpenter
David Hennessy
Jodie English
Terry Richmond
Dave Keckley
Quinton Ellis

Also present were Larry Landis, Executive Director and
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Larry Landis distributed the Legislative Update to all board members.

No minutes were presented to approve.

Larry Landis, Executive Director, gave the following Legislative Report:

Landis updated the board on the walk-out by the Democrats in the Legislature over re-districting, which occurred the day before the board meeting. Mr. Landis stressed that the session may indeed be over.

Mr. Landis reported that H.B. 118 increased the amount of funding for the Public Defense Fund from \$650,000.00 \$3.6 million. H.B. 118 is the Miscellaneous Court Bill. Passed out of the House with approval.

Could be amended by Senate, unknown right now due to walk-out.

SJR 12, the Amendment to the Indiana Constitution Permitting Preventive Detention, is ready to go to the House floor. Larry was successful in getting some language inserted which would amend the Constitution by also including a provision that the burden is on the Prosecutor by clear and convincing evidence.

Mr. Landis distributed copy of SJR 12 plus 1995 Status Report on House and Senate Bills.

Mr. Landis reported that the Truth and Sentencing Act

which requires 85% of a sentence to be served appears to attract the political forces in power at the moment, even though the fiscal impact would be devastating to the Department of Corrections.

Mr. Landis encouraged all Board members to contact their State Representatives to encourage backing of the Miscellaneous Court Bill which increases the funding for the Public Defense Fund.

Mr. Landis indicated four counties are currently eligible for funding out of the Public Defense Fund: Marion, Clark, LaPorte, and Montgomery. Only four counties of 92 in Indiana have taken the initiative to establish PD Boards. Some Board members reported that some counties are indicating there's no money in the Public Defense Fund.

No old business.

New business:

The following members are up for re-election on the Board of Directors which will occur on June 2, 1995: Jodie English, Eric Caselke, Kitty Liell, and Quinton Ellis. We will advertise for Board positions open in the April Defender, and publish bios in May.

Next Board meeting will be the morning of the May Seminar, 7:45 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 1995.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jodie English", written in a cursive style.