

Minutes: Indiana Public Defender Council Board of Director's Meeting

Date: June 19, 1998

Place: Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis, IN

Board members in attendance:

Larry Landis, Executive Director	Michelle Fennessy-Kraus
Paula Sites, Staff Attorney	Quinton Ellis
Dan Toomey, Chairperson	Bob Hill
Jeff Lantz, Vice-Chair	Teresa Harper
Kitty Liell, Secretary	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the Board Meeting held March 19, 1998 were approved as amended to reflect the correct date for the Board Retreat which should read September 25-26, 1998, in Bloomington, Indiana.

Executive Director's Report:

A. Status report on goals for FY 1997-98.

Larry Landis distributed the Indiana Public Defender Council goals for FY 97-98, and presented a status report concerning these goals as of June 19, 1998.

With regard to the Training Director Position, Landis reported that the position was still vacant. However, the Council has received some recent inquiries.

Landis reported that Darren Bedwell is the new staff attorney for publications, whose primary responsibility will be to continue the work on manuals.

Landis also reported that he had contracted with Rebecca Brown at \$30.00 per hour, as well as with Teresa Harper to prepare an Appellate Pamphlet.

B. Training

A cross-examination program starring Larry Pozner is scheduled for November 6, 1998.

According to previous board meetings, a Forensics Seminar is supposed to take place in December, 1998. Landis requested assistance in preparing for this seminar, and noted that there are no confirmed speakers.

Larry Landis recommended that Terry Richmond and Jodi English be appointed as Training Committee non-board members, considering their recent resignation. This recommendation was approved, and Terry Richmond and Jodi English have been appointed as Training Committee non-board members.

Bob Hill reported that the Mentor Program currently in effect in Marion County through the Council has been working very well, and Bob has received great feedback from the individuals involved with the mentors.

Landis reported that Marion County is being used as a type of pilot program to develop protocol, and procedure for the contract attorneys to do training in other counties. It was again noted by Landis that there needs to be a way to measure performance to determine whether the mentoring program is working, as well as how to enhance the performance of individual public defenders.

C. Performance Standards:

Pursuant to the meeting of March 19, 1998, where updated and corrected performance standards were distributed, the standards will be assumed correct unless any errors are brought to the attention of Don Murphy, Staff Attorney.

New Business:

A. Board Vacancies:

Pursuant to Jodi English's resignation from the Board of Directors, Bob Hill nominated Don Pagos to the Board, and the motion passed. Don Pagos is the new appointed board member.

B. Letters of Commendation

Jeff Lantz moved to have a letter sent from the Council to Jack Kenney and Stacie Uliana congratulating them on a job well done at the annual update. Lantz's motion was approved by the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Submitted by Katharine C. Liell.

Approved by:

Daril Towner

Date: Sept. 26, 1998