

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

**Marriott Courtyard
Lafayette, IN**

**May 11, 2017
7 p.m.**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. EST on May 11, 2017, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Lafayette, IN by Board Chairperson Neil Weisman.

Board members present were: Neil Weisman (Chairperson), David Shircliff (Secretary), Gojko Kasich, Chris Shema, Mark Nicholson, Steve Owens, Micki Kraus, Bob Hill and Jim Abbs. David Hennessy was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Council staff Diane Black, Toni Schaney, and Larry Landis.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes of the Board meeting on 2/16/2017, were reviewed. Bob Hill moved to accept the February minutes and Micki Kraus seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

Micki Kraus moved to approve the agenda with changes made to the order of items so that the Executive Session would be held first. Chris Shema seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously with this change made.

IV. Executive Session

The discussion during the executive session was the new Asst. Executive Director position and the applicants.

V. Public Session

A. After the executive session ended, Bob Hill moved that a meeting of the entire Board take place on 7/20/17 at 3 pm to interview the final three candidates – Bernice Corley, Don Murphy and Stacy Uliana. David Shircliff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Bob Hill moved that the agenda be revised again to move new business, item 3, election of officers to the front of the discussion and David Shircliff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Chris Shema moved that the next full Board meeting be held 6/8/17, the evening before the Annual Update seminar. David S. seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Neil Weisman asked that the search committee meet before the 7/20 interviews to discuss the approach.

VI. New Business

A. Board Officer Vacancy

Jim Abbs nominated David Shircliff for the vacant position of Vice Chairperson of the Board. Micki Kraus seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Jim Abbs nominated Mark Nicholson as Secretary. David Shircliff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Gideon and Gault Awards

Board members discussed the nominees for the Awards. For the Gideon award, Gojko Kasich moved to select Michael Hunt as the award recipient. Micki seconded the motion. Bob Hill moved to select Victoria Bailey. Mark Nicholson seconded the motion. Five members voted for Hunt. Three members voted for Bailey. Michael Hunt was selected as the award recipient.

For the Gault Award, Bob Hill moved and Mark Nicholson seconded to select Jim Spangler. The vote was unanimous in his favor.

C. CHINS/TPR Award

Neil suggested that the CHINS/TPR award discussion be moved to a later meeting.

D. Paula Sites

Chris Shema suggested that the Board should recognize Paula Sites at the Annual Update for her years of service to the IPDC and that the Death Penalty seminar should be named for her. Chris moved that Paula receive a Lifetime Achievement award and that the bi-annual death penalty seminar be named the Paula Sites Death Penalty seminar. David Shircliff seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

E. Amicus Brief Request

Bob Hill moved to approve the Amicus request from the Juvenile Project. Jim Abbs seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

F. Executive Director's Salary Adjustment

Jim moved to approve the Executive Director's salary adjustment to reflect the 2.1% raises approved by the Executive and Judicial Branches for 2017. David Shircliff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

G. Automated Answering System

Chris asked that the IPDC automated call routing system be discussed. He said the issue came up at a training seminar and on the member survey. Larry Landis asked the issue be discussed at the next board meeting. Neil stated it would be on the next agenda.

VII. Executive Director's Report

A. OJJDP Grant

Larry Landis reported that legislature did not approve the funding request for the Juvenile Project in the biennial budget that was approved this year. However, Chief Justice Loretta Rush has offered to give the Council \$140,000 in the second year of the biennium to allow the project to continue through the biennium period, June 30, 2019.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Outreach Committee

Chris Shema reported that membership survey was an effort to see if it would work. 1400 survey invitations were sent. We received 471 responses. The survey contained the following primary suggestions:

- Would like to see more social interaction in addition to just CLEs
- Want to have someone answer the phone instead of using the automated system
- Surprising how old and white the PDs are
- Need for more training in specific areas; really like county CLEs

Gojko Kasich suggested that there are website login issues and website navigation issues that should also be addressed.

Neil also stated that there is still a problem with Chapter 10 of the Evidence Manual.

Toni Schaney reported that there is a new process now in place for password re-sets. This will be rolled out to members via the public page of the website. Larry Landis reported that we now have an in-house ability to make changes to the website.

B. Training Committee

Diane Black reported that a lot of PDs are signing up for the upcoming seminars, and that we may sell out some of them. We will be taping the OVWI program which will be a pre-requisite for TPI/OWI attendance. We will also be doing a poverty simulation so folks can understand what poor people in the criminal justice system have to go through. There have been a number of boot camps that have been held in county settings and Jack Kenney and Stacy Uliana have been holding providing case law updates at various sites. Compassion fatigue was suggested as a future training topic.

Neil Weisman is concerned about the fact that the Council is no longer providing paper handouts at the seminars, and have gone to electronic materials as many other education providers have done. Diane stated that this was a track that the Council has determined makes more sense for cost and efficiency. At Neil's suggestion the Council should consider charging for a packet of materials. Diane stated that the Council would look into it.

IX. Miscellaneous

Larry Landis was asked about legislation. He reported that there will be Interim study committees that will look at misdemeanor reimbursements and funding for CHINS cases.

Neil Weisman asked that committee chairs talk with their committees before the next meeting.

X. Next Meeting

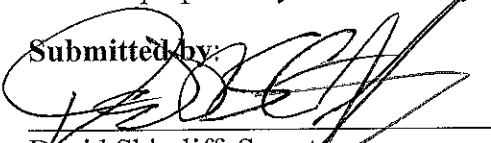
The next Board meeting was set for 6/8/17 at 7 pm in Indianapolis.

ADJOURNMENT

David Shircliff moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Abbs seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm, EST.

Minutes prepared by Toni Schaney and Larry Landis.

Submitted by:



David Shircliff, Secretary

Date

6/8/17

Approved by:



Neil Weisman, Chairperson

Date

6/8/17