

Minutes of the
INDIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Public Defender Council Office
309 W. Washington St., Ste. 401
Indianapolis, IN
June 23, 2022
5:00 pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order – Deana Martin

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council was called to order at 5:00 pm EST on June 23, 2022, via Zoom, all members (staff) were present via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by Deana Martin.

Board Members present: Deana Martin (Chair), Amy Karozos (Secretary), Shaunda Lynch, Joel Schumm, Denise Turner, Jeremy Gooch, and Jennifer Wilson-Reagan. IPDC employees present: Bernice Corley (Executive Director), Mike Moore (Asst. Executive Director), Diane Black (Training Director), Zach Stock (Legislative Liaison), Suzan Ristich (Controller), and Juli Byrne (Office Coordinator).

Amy Karozos identified needed edits to the meeting minutes for April 28, 2022. All edits were discussed and adopted by agreement. Amy Karozos made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, 2nd by Joel Schumm. The minutes approved by acclamation.

Motion made by Amy Karozos to approve agenda, 2nd by Jeremy Gooch, approved by acclamation.

II. Reports from Officers

Chair report – Deana Martin – The ad hoc committee reviewing commission standards are still working on the standards. The committee has made progress and feels that they have identified some areas that can be changed. Many standards do not need any substantive changes, just additional guidance or commentary.

The Commission has increased the hourly rate for attorneys. The rate is tied to the capital rate. When the capital rate increases, the rate for non-capital cases will also increase.

III. Executive Director’s Report – Bernice Corley

- Local JRACs—almost all of them are assigned members. We just received the list of members, and we are going through and pulling out the defenders to create a communication list in order to make them aware of IPDC’s policy efforts the council is advancing and to stay in communication.
- Bernice Corley requested that if any of the board members come across or see something in the juvenile arena and you would like to make a recommendation, to let her or Joel Wieneke know so that Joel can share with the oversight group.
- The pretrial release committee (which is under the Judicial Conference) has been meeting and they are examining what constitutional preventative detention could look like in Indiana.
- Provided an administrative and fiscal update regarding salaries, possible contract/ IOT services, adding potential staff, anticipated rent, COLA adjustments, and other expenses.
- Bernice explained current plans with respect to fund reversions. Funds not reverted will be used restart IPDC’s mentoring program. Current plans are to contract with two attorney mentors. Details are:
 - Fran Watson is going to take Indianapolis north
 - Mark Clark is going to take Johnson County line south
- Bernice share discussion with the state budget agency re: Chief Public Defender Retirement and Misdemeanor reimbursement
- Holistic Public Defense: by working collaboratively with the Marion County Reentry Coalition (MCRC), a holistic defense pilot has been funded in Marion County.

IV. Financial Reports – Suzan Ristich

Reviewed several IPDC funds:

- Training Fund has an ending balance of \$350,000, with \$24,000 from Moodle
- IPDC has 4 funds
 - 2 of the funds are considered general funds (receive appropriations)
 - 2 funds that are considered dedicated funds (those funds do not revert. We have revenue and expenses in those funds. Whatever is left at the end of fiscal year rolls over to the next year)
 - Training Fund is a Dedicated Fund
 - Publication Fund is a Dedicated Fund
 - IPDC did well in the publication fund (\$165,000 compared to \$150,000 last year with a net profit just short of \$25,000)

- The General fund will revert \$3.57

V. Asst. Executive Director – Mike Moore

Provided updates regarding training, case reviews and publications

- 32 Live Training Events (both in person and virtual)
 - 214 CLE eligible hours have been offered
 - 524 attorneys resulting in a total of 7793 CLE hours reported to the Attorney Continuing Education (ACE) Commission
 - 24 active case review for this year so far
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- IPDC has handled 833 requests for help from January 1, 2022.
 - 525 attorneys have taken advantage of IPDC's on-demand training site
 - IPDC's on-demand training is \$25.00 per CLE credit for CLE courses only.
 - There have been 165 courses subscribed to that were taking to meet Public Defender Commission's training requirements for certain case types. IPDC offers these at no cost.
 - This year's annual update we had 125 attorneys that participated at the annual event in-person and 232 attorneys who participated virtually. Since there was quite a decrease in the physical attendance, we are considering capping the number of in-person attendees. This will give IPDC the opportunity to better prepare the annual event in 2023.

Retreat reminder: September 9th for the meet-and-greet with the retreat occurring on September 10th. The retreat will be held at our office at 309 W. Washington St., Ste. 401. Next year the retreat will be in Brown County.

Amy Karozos made a motion to adjourn at 6:01 pm, 2nd by Jeremy Gooch, motion passed by acclamation.