

TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

DATE: March 6, 2015

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to noon

PLACE: Court of Criminal Appeals Courtroom, 201 W. 14th St., Supreme Court Building, Austin, TX

AGENDA

The Commission may discuss and/or take action on any of the following items:

1. Commencement of meeting - *Judge Sharon Keller*
2. Attendance of members
3. Approval of minutes from December 12, 2014
4. Opening remarks and Chair's report – *Judge Sharon Keller*
 - a. Issuance of Gideon Recognition Award – Texas Tech University and Dickens County
 - b. Issuance of Gideon Recognition Award – Lubbock County
5. Presentation of Robert O. Dawson Award to Bob Wessels – *Judge Sharon Keller*
6. Report from Director – *Mr. Jim Bethke*
 - a. Welcome Jamie Dickson, Policy Analyst
 - b. Report on recent activities and federal grant opportunities
 - c. Report on appropriations and legislative proposals
7. Report on Guidelines for Indigent Defense Caseloads – *Dr. Dottie Carmichael*
8. Consider contract addendum to conduct weighted caseload study for criminal appeals and appointments made under Title 3, Family Code—*Mr. Jim Bethke*
9. Report on Innocence Projects Assessment – *Dr. Dottie Carmichael*
10. Grants and Reporting – *Judge Glen Whitley*
 - a. Report on Fair Defense Account - Fund 5073 and FY15 budget
 - b. Report on FY14 formula grant outstanding issues
 - i. Report on FY15 Special Conditions
 - ii. Report on FY13/14 Special Conditions
 - c. Report on Discretionary Grant Program
 - i. Report on FY16 application cycle
 - ii. Report on Active Discretionary Grant Programs
 - iii. Consider modification of Comal County technical support grant to accommodate revised timeline for assessment
 - iv. Report on pending submission of Kaufman County extraordinary request
 - d. Report on fiscal monitoring program— *Ms. Debra Stewart*
 - i. Report on recent reviews and risk assessment
11. Report on policy monitoring program—*Mr. Joel Lieurance*
 - a. Report on recent reviews
 - b. Report on counties with low misdemeanor attorney appointment rates
12. Policies and Standards—*Mr. Tony Odiorne*
 - a. Report on indigent defense plan review process
 - b. Report on indigence determination standards
 - c. Consider publication on public website of new attorney caseload and practice time reports
 - d. Consider adoption of rule related to requests for counsel after initiation of adversary judicial proceedings
 - e. Consider adoption of policy monitoring rules
13. Next meeting
14. New business
15. Public comment
16. Adjournment