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September 6, 2022

Joel Lieurance Senior Policy Monitor Texas Indigent Defense Commission

Re: Response to TIDC Findings and Recommendation

Mr. Joel Lieurance,

I am in response to the summary of findings and recommendations.

- 1. There was no method to complete financial paperwork at the time of the hearing. At the time Article 15.17(a) hearing is conducted, and whenever a request for counsel is made, a Financial Affidavit form is provided. Assistance is provided in filling out the necessary form to request the appointment of counsel.
- 2. Additionally, the magistrate did not forward request to the appointing authority within 24 hours of being made. The request and the accompanying forms are diligently being emailed to the court coordinators within 24 hours of the request being made.
- 3. Finding 3. County and District Judge Response.
- 4. **Finding 4.** County and District Judge Response.
- 5. Case file review also showed the Kinney County Justice Court did not accurately report requests for counsel during magistrate warnings to the Office of Court Administration (OCA) during FY21.

The Justice Court is diligently working to report to the Office of Court Administration (OCA) an accurate number of persons who request counsel at Article 15.17 hearings as required by Title 1, Rule 171.7 of the Texas Administrative Code.

The necessary changes to improve the indigent defense system have been implemented from the last meeting.

Respectfully,

Justice of the Peace Kinney County, Texas



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November 7, 2022

Joel Lieurance Senior Policy Monitor Texas Indigent Defense Commission

Re: Response to TIDC Findings and Recommendations

Mr. Lieurance,

Response to Findings 3 & 4

We are continuing our best to be in substantial compliance under Article 15.17 hearing requirement. There is an assigned employee on Sheriff Coe's staff, Lt. Feagley, who oversees this procedure and the prompt appointment of attorneys for each defendant and the emailing of the information to operationlonestar@lpdo.org in Lubbock, Texas.

Documents attached hereto are the documents filled out at the time of request of counsel.

The request for non-misdemeanor appointment cases are now being emailed to our court coordinators in the County Judge's office to timely appoint counsel. This practice hopefully will satisfy timely appointments under Article 1.051(1) of C.C.P.

For OLS cases, Lt. Feagley in the County Jail is in charge of timely giving notice to appointed counsels at LPDO. We are working together and communicating regularly to make sure our timelines and waivers of counsel under Article 1.051 are done correctly.

We understand the importance of these timely and legal procedures that must be followed to abide by the Code. We welcome your review and will strive in the future to do our best to follow the procedures you have outlined for us.

Answer read and approved by:

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County Judge

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District Judge

63rd Judicial District

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- For District Court Cases email to Court Coordinator(s): vanessa.payne@valverdecounty.texas.gov; OR ana.guia@valverdecounty.texas.gov
- For County Court Cases email to Court Coordinator: yvette.garcia@co.kinney.tx.us

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