



MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Meeting Minutes
200 N. Washington Square, 3rd Floor
Lansing, MI 48933
June 21, 2016
Time: 1:00 PM

Commission Members Present

James Fisher, Chair, Thomas Boyd, Thomas Clement (non-voting member), Nancy Diehl, Frank Eaman, Richard Lindsey, Tom McMillin, Shela Motley, Kevin Oeffner, Michael Puerner, Brandy Robinson, David Schuringa, John Shea, and Gary Walker.

Participating via Telephone

William Swor

Commission Members Excused: Jon Campbell

Members of the Public Present:

Joanne Vallarelli Adam, Ashley Carter, Cheryl Carpenter, Peter Cunningham, Christopher Dennie, Bradley Hall, Barbara Klimaszewski (via telephone), Kelly McDoniel, Michael Naughton.

Staff Members Present

Jonathan Sacks, Marla McCowan, Jonah Siegel, and Marcela Westrate.

Roll call and opening remarks

Chair Fisher called the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (“MIDC” or “the Commission”) meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Mr. Shea moved to excuse Mr. Campbell. Judge Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried; all members participating unanimously supported the motion.

Report from the Chair

Chair Fisher gave an overview of the Michigan Supreme Court Order 2016-2, which conditionally approved the MIDC’s first four standards, the accompanying letter from Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., and an email from Chief Justice Young that was distributed to chief judges statewide.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Sacks provided an overview of activities since the Supreme Court’s order was issued.

Fees resource and fee complaints

The Indigence and Compensation Committee reviewed and approved the document created by the MIDC staff and recommended that it be published.

Mr. Eaman moved that the document be published. Mr. Swor seconded the motion. The motion carried; all members participating unanimously supported the motion.

Staff reports

Ms. McCowan, Dr. Siegel, and Ms. Westrate each updated the Commission on their activities.

Regional Consultant Report

Michael Naughton reported on his activities in northern Michigan.

Approval of minutes from April meeting

Ms. Motley moved that the April minutes be adopted. Ms. Diehl seconded the motion. The motion carried; all members participating unanimously supported the motion.

Next Set of Standards

The Commission discussed the next set of standards. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Attorney Survey Report

Mr. Shea moved to allow staff to publish the report based on Dr. Siegel's survey of Michigan defense attorneys. Mr. Eaman seconded. The motion carried; all members participating unanimously supported the motion.

Public Comments

Peter Cunningham of the State Bar of Michigan offered that organization's continued support as the legislation described in the Supreme Court's Order moves forward.

The next meeting is August 9, 2016 at 1:00 pm in Lansing.

Ms. Diehl moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Oeffner seconded the motion. The motion carried; all members participating unanimously supported the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcela Westrate