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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

In the matter of: The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Proposed Minimum Standards 6 and 7

Issued and entered this 24th day of October 2023.

NOTICE AND ORDER APPROVING STANDARDS 6 and 7

- 1. MCL 780.985 outlines the procedure for the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) to propose minimum standards for the local delivery of indigent criminal defense services and for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to approve or reject those standards.
- 2. MCL 780.985(4) requires the MIDC to convene a public hearing on the standards. Following a public comment period, the MIDC held a public hearing for Standards 6 and 7 on June 12, 2018.
- 3. After the hearing and public comment period, the MIDC submitted Standards 6 and 7 to LARA for consideration on September 17, 2018.
- 4. MCL 750.985(4) authorizes LARA to prescribe a manner for interested parties to voice opposition to the proposed minimum standards. LARA published a notice of a 30-day comment period, which ended December 14, 2018.
- 5. On July 27, 2023, the LARA Director issued a notice of intent letter indicating Standards 6 and 7 would be approved in October 2023.
- 6. MCL 780.985(4) provides that the proposed minimum standards are final once they are approved by LARA.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT

Following review of the standards and public comment, the MIDC's Proposed Minimum Standards 6 and 7 are hereby **APPROVED** by LARA.

The MIDC shall mail notice to indigent criminal defense systems pursuant to MCL 780.985(5). Indigent criminal defense systems shall have 180 days from the date of this order to submit compliance plans to the MIDC pursuant to MCL 780.993(3).

Petition for Review

MCL 780.985(5) gives indigent criminal defense systems the ability to file a petition for review to determine whether the approved minimum standard is authorized by law. This

petition must be filed in the Court of Claims within 60 days after the date of mailing notice of this Order on the recommended minimum standards.

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Marlon I. Brown, Acting Director

10/24/2023

Date