

MEETING MINUTES - Approved

Committee	UTAH INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION
Date, Time	Thursday, September 19, 2019, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location	Indigent Defense Commission, 370 E South Temple, Suite 500
Members Present	Chair Michael Zimmerman, Sam Alba, Mary Corporon, Kim Cordova, Margaret Lindsay, Richard Mauro, Shawn Milne, Pam Vickrey, Mary Noonan, Ryan Loose, Rep. Joel Ferry
Members Excused	Walter Budgen, Nicole Cottle, Sen. Todd Weiler, Aimee Winder Newton
Guests	Michael Drechsel (AOC), Bryan Baron (Weber County Deputy Civil Attorney), Beth Martial (United Way), Lana Taylor(AG)
Staff	Joanna Landau, Jojo Liu, Darien Hickey, Greg Bates, Katriina Adair
Agenda Item	Welcome/Minutes
Notes	Chair Michael Zimmerman welcomed all present.
	MOTION: Michael Zimmerman moved to approve the July 30, 2019 phone meeting minutes. Richard Mauro seconded the motion. Minutes were passed unanimously by those present. (Michael Zimmerman, Sam Alba, Kim Cordova, Margaret Lindsay, Richard Mauro, Pam Vickrey, Mary Noonan, Ryan Loose)
Agenda Item	Indigent Defense Resolution by ALEC
Notes	Joanna Landau introduced American Legislative Exchange Council’s (ALEC) “Resolution in Support of Indigent Defense.” It mirrors IDC core principles. ALEC is a nonpartisan, voluntary membership organization of state legislators dedicated to the principles of limited government, free markets, and federalism.
Agenda Item	IDC FY20 Remaining Grant Funds
Notes	Joanna Landau said \$578,339 remain in un-obligated FY20 grant funds.
Agenda Item	Utah Appellate Pilot Program Update & Beaver County Appellate Grant
Notes	Joanna Landau reported that the Utah Appellate Pilot Program has grown significantly. Currently, (not including Beaver County) 14 counties are participating. Beaver County has applied to participate in the Appellate Program. No additional IDC funding is required.
	MOTION: Ryan Loose moved to approve Beaver County’s request to participate in the Appellate Pilot. Sam Alba seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those present (Michael Zimmerman, Sam Alba, Mary Corporon, Kim Cordova, Richard Mauro, Shawn Milne, Pam Vickrey, Mary Noonan, Ryan Loose). Margaret Lindsay abstained.
Agenda Item	Title IV-E Grant
Notes	Jojo Liu explained that as a result of policy changes, federal funds through Title IV-E are available soon through federal matching funds to help pay the costs of attorneys representing parents in child welfare proceedings. Funds must be drawn through the Utah Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), with whom the IDC is partnering to achieve that goal. Grant modifications need to be made to allow for Title IV-E requirements. Salt Lake County and Utah County request \$116,000 in additional IDC grant funding to access these funds.
	MOTION: Shawn Milne moved to approve Salt Lake County and Utah County requests to use IDC funding for the amount of Title IV-E funding needed until the end of fiscal year 2020. Mary Noonan seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by those present (Michael Zimmerman, Sam Alba, Mary Corporon, Kim Cordova, Mary Noonan, Ryan Loose, and Shawn Milne) Margaret Lindsay, Richard Mauro, and Pam Vickrey abstained.

Agenda Item	Weber County Grant Request
Notes	Weber County requested \$500,000 to cover legal costs of five contract defense attorneys to handle an upcoming 6-week trial for five defendants accused in a state pattern of unlawful activity case. Bryan Baron spoke to the IDC, saying current indigent defense attorneys cannot take on the additional workload without jeopardizing the representation of existing clients. IDC commissioners had questions about the cost estimate and whether Weber County would contribute to the legal costs of the trial. Weber County Council will meet in October to discuss the county budget and legal expenses of the trial.
	MOTION: Mary Noonan moved to give Weber County an opportunity to answer the Commission's questions and provide more information. Sam Alba seconded the motion. The motion passed with Michael Zimmerman, Sam Alba, Mary Corporon, Mary Noonan, Margaret Lindsay, Shawn Milne, and Rep. Joel Ferry voting in favor of it. Kim Cordova, Ryan Loose, Richard Mauro, and Pam Vickrey opposed the motion.
Agenda Item	2020 Legislative Session Funding Discussion and FY21 IDC Funding Request
Notes	Joanna Landau reviewed the Commission's growth since its start in 2016; from Juab County to 22 counties and 6 cities receiving FY20 IDC grants. With nearly 70% of Utah counties working with the IDC, we are able to conduct more accurate needs assessment and help the state decide on long-term solutions to indigent defense. Joanna asked for commissioners' active participation and support for the IDC's legislative request.
	MOTION: Sam Alba moved to adjourn the meeting. Kim Cordova seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those present. (Michael Zimmerman, Sam Alba, Mary Corporon, Mary Noonan, Kim Cordova, Margaret Lindsay, Ryan Loose, Richard Mauro, Shawn Milne, Rep. Joel Ferry, and Pam Vickrey)
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned 3:55 PM
Next Meeting	October 24, 2019, 2 PM – 4PM. Indigent Defense Commission, 370 E South Temple, Suite 500, Salt Lake City