

Georgia Public Defender Council

MINUTES

07/26/2017

1:03 PM

MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Ron Cross
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular meeting conducted at the state-wide CPD conference in Savannah, Georgia
FACILITATOR	Bryan Tyson, Executive Director
NOTE TAKER	Cheryl Karounos/Kari Kitchens
ATTENDEES	Council members present: R. Cross, D. Seagraves, Hon. M. Miller, E. Tolley, D. Simms, Hon. A. McGarity (via phone). Others present & seated at the table: B. Tyson, J. R. S. Rodgers, B. Bullard, C. Karounos.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Cross at 1:00 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA	R. CROSS	Agenda unanimously approved.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	R. CROSS	Minutes from prior meeting unanimously approved.

GPDC welcomes back Trish McCann Bertram to serve as the director of the training & professional development division and will begin on August 16, 2017. GPDC also welcomes two new circuit public defenders: Natalie Glaser, who replaces retiring CPD M. McCarthy of the Conasauga circuit and John Bradley, who replaces retiring CPD Greenberry Moore of the Ocmulgee circuit. Director Tyson continues with his goal to meet with every Circuit Public Defender in the state and has four circuits remaining.

DIRECTOR UPDATE	B. Tyson	<i>Alternative Delivery Systems</i> Director Tyson Presents information regarding the oversight directives and responsibilities of GPDC regarding opt-out circuits. Council Attorney provides the background and intent of the original defense act. Council unanimously approves the creation of a committee to review issue and provide a recommendation prior to the next council meeting. D. Seagraves agrees to coordinate the committee, while council members Miller and E. Tolley agree to serve.
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BUDGET	B. Tyson	Director Tyson reviewed PPT history of approved budgets and shared the increase in the state budget will allow for 10 new Juvenile APDs. While this is not the request amount, it does begin to address parity issues with PAC. Increased budget also removes GPDC from emergency funding requests. Additional APD's for juvenile will be requested in next budget.
PROJECT UPDATES	J. R. S. RODGERS	Case management system needs upgrades and a working group has been established to outline needs in RFP, which is set to be issued by the end of the year. New JCATS system will also include opt-out circuits. Intranet project continues to move forward and GPDC is currently working with a developer to improve capabilities. As part of the messaging to utilize GPDC's community resources, a list serv is being developed through an independent (and free) platform so all may share resources with one another.
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE	B. Tyson	Director Tyson reported on legislature update regarding an attempt to bring statute up to date and clarify language. Legislation remained in senate rules committee and GPDC will move it forward next session. GPDC is moving forward with efforts to recruit, retain and recognize public defenders across the state. GPDC is seeking funds from private resources to address the three-prong approach.
OTHER BUSINESS	D. Seagraves	There are 86 counties that applied to retain funds, with 100% of those approved as such. Connie Brooker, Forsyth County, Buddy Templeton, Cherokee, and Randy Harris addressed the council expressing their support on behalf of opt-out circuits to continue to work and be a part of the indigent defense system through the GPDC.
EXECUTIVE SESSION		There was no executive session.

ADJOURNED AT 1:55 P.M. BY CHAIRMAN CROSS