

IDAHO STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION
STRATEGIC PLAN
FY 2021 through FY 2024

MISSION

The Idaho State Public Defense Commission is committed to improving the delivery of trial-level indigent defense services by serving the counties and indigent defense providers of Idaho. We strive to ensure that the safeguards for the accused guaranteed by the 6th Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Sect. 13 of the Idaho Constitution are fulfilled by collecting data, supporting compliance with standards, providing training and administering grants to stakeholders.

VISION

Ensuring constitutionally guaranteed fair and just representation for indigent persons in Idaho.

GOALS

FIRST GOAL: **Provide stakeholders and the public with clear and understandable rules.**

Objective 1: Review all rules with the objective of eliminating redundancies and language that is unclear, unnecessary or contradictory.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE: Identify unnecessary and unclear rules and documents incorporated by reference, in the 3rd quarter, 2020.

Objective 2: Engage in rulemaking to rewrite all current rules to simplify and clarify and to carry over the rule proposal from last year regarding independence from political and judicial influence and resource equity.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Prepare an outline of the rewritten rules, including the principles of independence (*See Idaho Code § 19-850(1)(a)(vii)(1)*) and resource equity (*See Idaho Code § 19-850(1)(a)(vii)(7)*), prior to negotiated rulemaking and draft proposed rules for public hearing and comment in the 3rd and 4th quarters, 2020.

Present the proposed rules to the 2021 Idaho Legislature following review and approval by the Commission.

SECOND GOAL: Promote excellence by providing interactive and accessible training to defending attorneys and professional staff.

Objective 1: Understand the training needs of defending attorneys and staff and develop innovative and accessible training.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Collaborate with partners to design effective webinars and in-person and virtual trainings in the 3rd quarter, 2020.

Continue to review training needs and feedback to improve trainings and assist trainers.

Objective 2: Provide live and recorded interactive webinars to defending attorneys.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Provide regular live webinars featuring Idaho and national presenters at no charge to PDC roster members beginning in the 3rd quarter, 2020.

By December 1, 2020, make recorded webinars available to PDC roster members at no charge through a learning management system.

Objective 3: Develop a public defense college emphasizing trial skills, holistic defense and mentoring.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Organize an in-person or, if prohibited by Covid 19, a virtual public defense college at no charge for PDC roster members in 2021. Note: The college was scheduled in May 2020 and postponed because of Covid 19 restrictions.

Recruit attorneys from Idaho and across the nation to teach at the public defense college and secure accommodations or platforms for the college by April 1, 2021.

THIRD GOAL: Collect accurate indigent defense services data and make recommendations to the Idaho legislature.

Objective : Collaborate with partners to identify and collect accurate case, workload and expenditure data.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: Collaborate with stakeholders, the Administrative Office of the Courts, policy experts and other partners to identify relevant data

and improve forms and develop other methods of data collection by 2022.

During FY 2021, work with counties and defending attorneys to obtain and analyze specific case and indigent defense expenditure data from FY 2020.

EXTERNAL FACTORS

In part, the goals of the strategic plan are dependent on the negotiated rulemaking process and reaching a consensus with stakeholders. The Commission will revisit the strategic plan as necessary to ensure responsiveness to the needs of the stakeholders in Idaho.

Adoption of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework and Implementation of CIS Critical Security Controls 1 – 5

As a technology customer of the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) in the Governor's Office, we are using the cybersecurity systems and technical expertise in ITS to fulfill requirements related to Executive Order 2017-02. Staff from ITS were briefed on the NIST Core Framework, CIS Controls 1-5, and their plan for adoption of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. We participate in DHR and ITS administered cybersecurity training, as awareness is a critical component of an effective cybersecurity program. As briefed by ITS staff, implementation of the CIS Controls 1-5 will be their responsibility for the systems they operate and, as technological tools applied to the computer systems, largely invisible to us as a customer. ITS, working through the multi-agency Incident Response Task Force, has developed an Incident Response Program in support of our agency.