



MICHIGAN INDIGENT
DEFENSE COMMISSION

June 19, 2020

Dear Indigent Defense Stakeholders:

I hope that this letter finds everyone safe and healthy. Earlier this week, the Commission successfully hosted its third remote public meeting since March. Approximately 40 members of the public attended the meeting in addition to the Commission and its staff.

The Commission welcomed three new commissioners, appointed by Governor Whitmer on May 22nd. Joshua Blanchard was appointed to represent the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, David Jones was appointed to represent the State Bar of Michigan, and Judge Kristina Robinson Garrett was appointed to represent the Michigan District Judges Association.

FY21 Compliance Planning and Grants

Compliance plans for FY21 were due June 1st. The Commission approved 19 of the 22 plans reviewed at its June meeting. Plan review of FY21 compliance plans and cost analyses will continue at the Commission's August 18th meeting. The list of plans to be reviewed at by the Commission at a meeting will be published on the agenda and posted on the MIDC website in advance of the meeting.

The Commission has adopted a [grant manual](#) to assist funding units in planning and reporting. This manual is available on the MIDC website and will be updated regularly to reflect decisions of the Commission that are relevant to compliance planning. The manual is available on the [grants page](#) of the MIDC website.

The Commission approved the grant contract to be issued upon approval of FY21 plans and cost analyses. The approved contract is attached for your information.

FY20 3rd Quarter Reporting

Quarterly reporting for the third quarter is due by **July 31, 2020**. Quarterly reporting must include the following:

- A quarterly program report detailing compliance with minimum standards 1-4;
- A financial status report with information about spending during the reporting period; and
- A list of the attorneys providing services.

Instructions and forms for submitting quarterly reporting and budget adjustments, as well as a webinar on quarterly reporting and a helpful checklist, are available on the [grants page](#) on the MIDC website.

Additional Information

As part of the State's cost containment efforts, all MIDC staff will continue with a shortened work week through July 25. Just a reminder that regional managers will be unavailable on Fridays and other MIDC staff members will be unavailable on Mondays. MIDC staff remains committed to being accessible and responsive during this time period and asks for your understanding if response times are slightly delayed.

The Commission's next meeting will be **August 18th at 11:00 a.m.** Information about location and an agenda for the meeting will be posted on the MIDC website in advance of the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any feedback, or your Regional Manager if you have questions about implementation or planning.

Please be well.

Sincerely,

Loren Khogali, Executive Director
Michigan Indigent Defense Commission