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**March 26, 2018
Commissioner's Meeting
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MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

MARCH 14, 2018

COMMISSION MEETING

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM, ROOM 438, STATEHOUSE, AUGUSTA
AGENDA

- 1) Approval of February 16, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes
- 2) Operations Reports
- 3) Legislative Update
- 4) Action Items Discussion
- 5) Somerset Contract
- 6) Public Comment
- 7) Set Date, Time and Location of Next Regular Meeting of the Commission
- 8) Executive Session, if needed (Closed to Public)

(1.)
February 16, 2018
Commission Meeting
Minutes

**Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services – Commissioners Meeting
February 16, 2018**

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Steven Carey, William Logan, Carlann Welch

MCILS Staff Present: John Pelletier, Ellie Maciag

Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome/Action Item/Responsible Party
Approval of the January 16, 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes	No discussion of meeting minutes.	Commissioner Welch moved for approval, Commissioner Logan seconded. All voted in favor. Approved.
Operations Reports Review	<u>January 2018 Operations Report:</u> 2,287 new cases were opened in the DefenderData system in January. This was a 60 case increase over December. The number of submitted vouchers in January was 2,909, an increase of 188 vouchers over December, totaling \$1,678,142, an increase of \$238,000 over December. In January, the Commission paid 2,366 vouchers totaling \$1,289,038 a decrease of 493 vouchers and \$150,000 from December. Director Pelletier noted that January saw a moderate increase in the number of vouchers submitted but that costs are still as projected. He explained that costs in Q3 and Q4 generally run higher and that more funds have been allocated to those two quarters. The average price per voucher was \$545.18, up \$26.16 per voucher over December. Appeal and Post-Conviction Review cases had the highest average vouchers. There were 11 vouchers exceeding \$5,000 paid in January. 138 authorizations to expend funds were issued in January and we paid \$77,408 for experts and investigators, etc. This was an average amount, but slightly below what was allocated. The monthly transfer from the Judicial Branch for counsel fees for January, which reflects December's collections, totaled \$73,076, up approximately \$7,000 over December. Director Pelletier indicated that the trend in robust collections continues.	

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Working Group Update	<p>Chair Carey updated the Commissioners on his public hearing testimony concerning the Working Group's recommendations for increasing the number of Commissioners and for authorizing a study of indigent legal services in Maine by the Sixth Amendment Center. For the Commissioner bill, Chair Carey remained neutral and did not provide testimony for or against. Rather, he expressed his concern about finding people to serve and getting them confirmed. He also expressed concern that the Commission would lose valuable knowledge about the day to day workings of the system if the prohibition on indigent legal service providers was included in the bill.</p> <p>A discussion about the Commissioner bill ensued with Commissioner Logan expressing dismay at the potential prohibition on indigent legal service providers. He noted that the MSBA and MACDL would also have conflicts should they be allowed to nominate due to the organization's position. Director Pelletier mentioned that since it is emergency legislation, the bill would need transition language concerning quorum amounts not taking effect until seats are filled. Director Pelletier will report back on the bill's progress after the work session.</p>	
Action Items Discussion	<p>Director Pelletier explained that not much progress had been made on the feedback form or resource counsel program due to staff work on implementing the OUI, domestic violence, PCR, and appellate specialized panels. The OUI and DV panels have been implemented and work still continues on the PCR and appellate panels. The Commissioners agreed that people whose panel applications are denied should be informed about the reason for their denial. The Justice Works app is now live and Director Pelletier anticipates that it will free up staff time. Staff focus will next turn to the resource counsel program. Director Pelletier noted that staff has already done so informally with a recent attorney issue. Chair Carey and Commissioner Welch urged staff to work quickly to get the feedback form available.</p>	

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Somerset Contract	<p>Director Pelletier informed the Commissioners that the Somerset Contract expires on June 30, 2018. He provided cost statistics for FY'16 and FY'17 under the contract and sought direction from the Commissioners about whether to issue an RFP for a new contract. Commissioner Logan stated that the courts like the contract, that it works well, and that we have not received complaints from the court or DA about attorney performance. He noted that if the Commission decides to move forward, that the group must do a better job reporting the case data back to the Commission, including a breakdown of adult felony and misdemeanor cases. Commissioner Logan also suggested that before issuing an RFP for a new contract, that the Commission should first have a discussion with the Governor's counsel to confirm that it would be approved. Commissioner Welch expressed concern about the quality of representation in juvenile cases due to the low amount of hours spent per case. Chair Carey noted that the Commission had requested that the Project keep better track of billable events when the current contract started and was concerned about the FY'16 and FY'17 numbers being presented at the meeting. Director Pelletier suggested three possible scenarios moving forward: (1) issue an RFP for a different type of contract; (2) enter into a one-year extension and wait for the Sixth Amendment Center report; or (3) issue an RFP with a one-year contract and a one-year extension. Chair Carey expressed interest in a one-year extension, but no further discussion or decision was made.</p>	
Annual Report	Director Pelletier provided the final draft of the annual report to the Commissioners.	
Public Comment	None	
Executive Session	None	

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Adjournment of meeting	The Commission voted to adjourn with the next meeting to be on March 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.	Commissioner Logan moved to adjourn. Commissioner Welch seconded. All present in favor.

(2.) Operations Reports

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

TO: MCILS COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JOHN D. PELLETIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2018 OPERATIONS REPORTS
DATE: MARCH 5, 2018

Attached you will find the February, 2018, Operations Reports for your review and our discussion at the Commission meeting on March 14, 2018. A summary of the operations reports follows:

- 2,029 new cases were opened in the DefenderData system in February. This was a 58 case decrease from January.
- The number of vouchers submitted electronically in February was 2,450, a decrease of 459 vouchers from January, totaling \$1,388,372.16, a decrease of \$290,000 from January. In February, we paid 1,965 electronic vouchers totaling \$1,151,145.44, representing a decrease of 401 vouchers and \$138,000 compared to January.
- There were no paper vouchers submitted and paid in February.
- The average price per voucher in February was \$585.82, up \$40.64 per voucher over January.
- Appeal and Post-Conviction Review cases had the highest average vouchers in February. There were 11 vouchers exceeding \$5,000 paid in February. See attached addendum for details.
- The contract amount paid for representation in Somerset County in February was \$22,687.50.
- In February, we issued 106 authorizations to expend funds: 73 for private investigators, 24 for experts, and 9 for miscellaneous services such as interpreters and transcriptionists. In February, we paid \$86,580.83 for experts and investigators, etc. The attached addendum provides information on requests that were denied or modified in February.
- In February, we did not receive any complaints about assigned counsel.

In our All Other Account, the total expenses for the month of February were \$1,275,874.99. Of that amount, just over \$15,000 was devoted to the Commission's operating expenses.

In the Personal Services Account, we had \$54,405.54 in expenses for the month of February.

In the Revenue Account, the February transfer of collected revenue, reflecting January's collections, totaled \$84,081.68, up \$11,000 from the previous month.

In our Conference Account, we collected registration fees related to a January replay of the Juvenile minimum standards training. The account balance stands at \$16,267.99.

VOUCHERS EXCEEDING \$5,000 PAID FEBRUARY 2018

	Voucher Total	Case total
Gross Sexual Assault case with client suffering mental impairments. Case lasted 28 months. Offers went from 9 months to more than 15 years as the State's position shifted dramatically. One attempted plea was aborted by client's mental breakdown in the courtroom. Client finally decided to plead at jury selection more than 15 months after the aborted plea.	\$22,494	\$22,494
Murder case. 11 trial days. Client found guilty.	\$20,755	\$34,945 (previous counsel withdrew in 2016 at client's request)
Gross Sexual Assault case where client found not guilty after three day trial. Voucher includes co-counsel from the same firm. Complications included DNA evidence and a client who did not speak English.	\$19,164	\$19,164
Murder case with 9 trial days. Client found guilty. This voucher reflects co-counsel from the same firm. Lead counsel became ill and had to withdraw from the case, but second chair counsel continued with new lead counsel from another firm.	\$15,933	\$28,953 (total includes voucher from attorney who took over as lead chair counsel)
Murder case where counsel withdrew at client request. Client wavered throughout as to whether to plead or proceed to trial. Two full day settlement conferences took place. Client requested new counsel on eve of trial. Judge continued the case, but asked counsel to try to repair the relationship, which counsel attempted to no avail.	\$13,665	\$13,665
Murder case where client was found guilty after a 9-day trial. Counsel took over as lead chair counsel when first lead chair was forced to withdraw due to illness.	\$13,020	\$28,953 (includes voucher from firm of initial lead counsel and second chair counsel)
This voucher reflects work three Sex Offense cases in two counties comprising more than 20 separate charges. Audio/visual discovery was extraordinarily voluminous. The voucher covers co-counsel from the same firm. Lead counsel ultimately had to withdraw due to illness.	\$10,237	\$16,854 (includes an early voucher where different counsel withdrew and a later voucher from new lead counsel who brought case to conclusion by plea)
Voucher covering the jeopardy phase of a child protective case with two separate docket numbers. The case includes 10 children, many of whom have medical issues and some of	\$7,242	\$7,242

whom have been hospitalized. Family team meetings were frequent and long.		
Gross Sexual Assault case where client was found guilty after a three day trial. Client charged as accomplice who videotaped a rape, requiring expert assessment of video evidence.	\$6,848	\$6,848
Termination of Parental Rights case that ultimately required a four day trial. Client abrasive to counsel and other parties. Counsel's motion to withdraw denied twice. Client then sought to represent self. Judge ordered counsel to "stand by" but be prepared to try the case. Sure enough, once hearing started and client saw the difficulty of proceeding as her own counsel, attorney was required to step in and do the hearing.	\$6,840	\$6,840
Murder case where counsel withdrew at the client's request 10 months into the case.	\$5,981	\$5,981

FUNDS REQUESTS DENIED/MODIFIED FEBRUARY 2018

- Two (2) requests for funds for an expert were modified to authorize a reduced amount.
- A request for funds for a court transcript was not acted on after Executive director explained the court transcript order process to the requesting attorney.

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Activity Report by Case Type

2/28/2018

Feb-18							Fiscal Year 2018			
DefenderData Case Type	New Cases	Vouchers Submitted	Submitted Amount	Vouchers Paid	Approved Amount	Average Amount	Cases Opened	Vouchers Paid	Amount Paid	Average Amount
Appeal	17	26	\$ 37,256.85	25	\$ 30,604.65	\$ 1,224.19	127	188	\$ 271,195.87	\$ 1,442.53
Child Protection Petition	141	342	\$ 248,876.56	248	\$ 173,943.14	\$ 701.38	1,126	2,689	\$ 1,743,486.70	\$ 648.38
Drug Court	2	3	\$ 3,072.00	4	\$ 5,376.00	\$ 1,344.00	13	47	\$ 39,571.20	\$ 841.94
Emancipation	7	3	\$ 1,710.00	5	\$ 1,796.92	\$ 359.38	60	71	\$ 27,807.58	\$ 391.66
Felony	503	532	\$ 464,846.54	422	\$ 435,969.51	\$ 1,033.10	4,005	4,960	\$ 4,376,447.40	\$ 882.35
Involuntary Civil Commitment	61	79	\$ 18,545.16	67	\$ 12,834.52	\$ 191.56	697	674	\$ 152,446.74	\$ 226.18
Juvenile	66	81	\$ 39,190.58	59	\$ 28,268.01	\$ 479.12	652	718	\$ 307,790.22	\$ 428.68
Lawyer of the Day - Custody	221	195	\$ 42,937.48	164	\$ 36,422.18	\$ 222.09	1,789	1,940	\$ 462,276.04	\$ 238.29
Lawyer of the Day - Juvenile	30	35	\$ 7,514.32	20	\$ 3,886.04	\$ 194.30	341	366	\$ 68,913.21	\$ 188.29
Lawyer of the Day - Walk-in	101	93	\$ 22,461.12	75	\$ 16,409.08	\$ 218.79	943	1,013	\$ 237,937.88	\$ 234.88
Misdemeanor	648	715	\$ 309,164.34	583	\$ 245,625.04	\$ 421.31	5,811	6,355	\$ 2,600,698.45	\$ 409.24
Petition, Modified Release Treatment	3	5	\$ 1,602.75	7	\$ 2,815.65	\$ 402.24	6	40	\$ 20,320.28	\$ 508.01
Petition, Release or Discharge	0	1	\$ 963.57	1	\$ 282.95	\$ 282.95	1	13	\$ 11,234.33	\$ 864.18
Petition, Termination of Parental Rights	23	36	\$ 41,639.45	37	\$ 36,868.48	\$ 996.45	156	514	\$ 386,256.46	\$ 751.47
Post Conviction Review	11	7	\$ 11,253.36	6	\$ 14,569.57	\$ 2,428.26	50	63	\$ 146,639.32	\$ 2,327.61
Probate	6	3	\$ 2,811.00	1	\$ 576.00	\$ 576.00	25	12	\$ 7,022.48	\$ 585.21
Probation Violation	153	152	\$ 63,442.09	142	\$ 59,839.81	\$ 421.41	1,374	1,519	\$ 593,567.30	\$ 390.76
Represent Witness on 5th Amendment	0	0		1	\$ 498.72	\$ 498.72	17	26	\$ 9,229.36	\$ 354.98
Review of Child Protection Order	36	142	\$ 71,084.99	98	\$ 44,559.17	\$ 454.69	334	1,311	\$ 700,782.45	\$ 534.54
Revocation of Administrative Release	0	0		0			5	9	\$ 3,078.00	\$ 342.00
DefenderData Sub-Total	2,029	2,450	\$ 1,388,372.16	1,965	\$ 1,151,145.44	\$ 585.82	17,532	22,528	\$ 12,166,701.27	\$ 540.07
Paper Voucher Sub-Total	0	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	#DIV/0!	8	8	\$ 4,312.34	\$ 539.04
TOTAL	2,029	2,450	\$1,388,372.16	1,965	\$1,151,145.44	\$ 585.82	17,540	22,536	\$ 12,171,013.61	\$ 540.07

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES
FY18 FUND ACCOUNTING
AS OF 02/28/2018

Account 010 95F Z112 01 (All Other)	Mo.	Q1	Mo.	Q2	Mo.	Q3	Mo.	Q4	FY18 Total
FY18 Professional Services Allotment		\$ 7,105,602.00		\$ 4,350,001.00		\$ 4,704,575.00		\$ 4,898,227.00	
FY18 General Operations Allotment		\$ 42,000.00		\$ 42,000.00		\$ 42,000.00		\$ 42,000.00	
Financial Order Adjustment		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Encumbered Balance Forward FY17		\$ 28,759.02		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Total Budget Allotments		\$ 7,176,361.02		\$ 4,392,001.00		\$ 4,746,575.00		\$ 4,940,227.00	\$ 21,255,164.02
Total Expenses	1	\$ (2,928,724.58)	4	\$ (1,426,660.74)	7	\$ (1,403,853.93)	10	\$ -	
	2	\$ (1,668,718.69)	5	\$ (1,586,795.93)	8	\$ (1,275,874.99)	11	\$ -	
	3	\$ (1,105,704.44)	6	\$ (1,419,256.42)	9	\$ -	12	\$ -	
Encumbrances (Somerset PDP & Justice Works)		\$ (264,063.50)		\$ 84,712.50		\$ 61,584.50		\$ -	\$ (117,766.50)
Encumbrances (B Taylor, JW amend contract, envelopes)		\$ (13,000.03)		\$ (44,000.01)		\$ 4,333.37		\$ -	\$ (52,666.67)
TOTAL REMAINING		\$ 1,196,149.78		\$ 0.40		\$ 2,132,763.95		\$ 4,940,227.00	\$ 8,269,141.13

Q3 Month 8

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Counsel Payments	\$ (1,151,145.44)
Somerset County	\$ (22,687.50)
Somerset County Discovery	\$ (425.00)
Subpoena Witness Fees	\$ (209.50)
Private Investigators	\$ (19,281.95)
Mental Health Expert	\$ (15,321.98)
Transcripts	\$ (16,783.50)
Other Expert	\$ (29,163.39)
Lodging for Trial	\$ -
Process Servers	\$ (1,034.50)
Interpreters	\$ (230.00)
Misc Prof Fees & Serv	\$ (4,556.01)
SUB-TOTAL ILS	\$ (1,260,838.77)

OPERATING EXPENSES

Service Center	\$ (773.75)
DefenderData	\$ (5,687.50)
Risk Management Insurances	\$ -
Mileage/Tolls/Parking	\$ (906.40)
Mailing/Postage/Freight	\$ (616.39)
West Publishing Corp	\$ (168.30)
OIT/TELCO charges	\$ (2,354.26)
Office Supplies/Equip.	\$ (71.87)
Cellular Phones	\$ (124.38)
Annual Report prorated fee	\$ -
Office Equipment Rental	\$ -
Parking Permit Fee	\$ -
Barbara Taylor monthly fees	\$ (4,333.37)
SUB-TOTAL OE	\$ (15,036.22)
TOTAL	\$ (1,275,874.99)

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Q3 Allotment	\$ 4,746,575.00
Q3 Encumbrances for Somerset PDP & Justice Works contracts	\$ 61,584.50
Barbara Taylor Contract, envelopes	\$ 4,333.37
Q3 Expenses to date	\$ (2,679,728.92)
Remaining Q3 Allotment	\$ 2,132,763.95

Non-Counsel Indigent Legal Services

Monthly Total	\$ (86,580.83)
Total Q1	\$ (308,598.67)
Total Q2	\$ (236,789.37)
Total Q3	\$ (163,989.05)
Total Q4	\$ -
Fiscal Year Total	\$ (709,377.09)

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES
FY18 FUND ACCOUNTING
As of 02/28/18

Account 014 95F Z112 01 (Revenue)	Mo.	Q1	Mo.	Q2	Mo.	Q3	Mo.	Q4	FY18 Total
Total Budget Allotments		\$ 160,986.00	\$	184,124.00	\$	184,124.00	\$	184,124.00	\$ 713,358.00
Financial Order Adjustment	1	\$ -	4	\$ -	7	\$ -	10	\$ -	
Financial Order Adjustment	2	\$ -	5	\$ -	8	\$ -	11		
Budget Order Adjustment	3	\$ -	6	\$ 23,139.00	9	\$ -	12	\$ -	
Budget Order Adjustment		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	12	\$ -	\$ -
Total Budget Allotments		\$ 160,986.00	\$	207,263.00	\$	184,124.00	\$	184,124.00	\$ 736,497.00
Cash Carryover from Prior Quarter		\$ 2,962.21	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Collected Revenue from JB	1	\$ 43,709.11	4	\$ 62,588.04	7	\$ 73,076.20	10	\$ -	
Promissory Note Payments		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Collected Revenue from JB	2	\$ 48,375.11	5	\$ 94,654.93	8	\$ 84,081.68	11	\$ -	
Court Ordered Counsel Fee		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Collected Revenue from JB (late transfer)		\$ -		\$ -	9	\$ -		\$ -	
Collected Revenue from JB	3	\$ 66,433.82	6	\$ 65,784.65	9	\$ -	12	\$ -	
Returned Checks-stopped payments		\$ -		\$ 75.00		\$ -		\$ -	
TOTAL CASH PLUS REVENUE COLLECTED		\$ 161,480.25	\$	223,102.62	\$	157,157.88	\$	-	\$ 541,740.75
Counsel Payments	1	\$ -	4	\$ -	7	\$ -	10	\$ -	
Other Expenses		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	***	\$ -	
Counsel Payments	2	\$ -	5	\$ -	8	\$ -	11	\$ -	
Other Expenses		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Counsel Payments	3	\$ (158,738.00)	6	\$ (204,362.90)	9	\$ -	12	\$ -	
Other Expenses	*	\$ (2,247.73)	**	\$ (2,893.78)		\$ -		\$ -	
REMAINING ALLOTMENT		\$ 0.27	\$	6.32	\$	184,124.00	\$	184,124.00	\$ 368,254.59
Overpayment Reimbursements	1	\$ -	4	\$ (1,069.14)	7	\$ -	10	\$ -	
	2	\$ (183.00)	5	\$ (25.00)	8	\$ (450.00)	11	\$ -	
	3	\$ (303.50)	6	\$ -	9	\$ -	12	\$ -	
REMAINING CASH Year to Date		\$ 8.02	\$	14,751.80	\$	156,707.88	\$	-	\$ 171,467.70

Q3 Month 8	
DEFENDER DATA COUNSEL PAYMENTS	
	\$ -
SUB-TOTAL ILS	\$ -
OVERPAYMENT REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ (450.00)
Paper Voucher	\$ -
Somerset County CDs	\$ -
Private Investigators	\$ -
Mental Health Expert	\$ -
Transcripts	\$ -
Other Expert	\$ -
StaCap Expense	\$ -
SUB-TOTAL OE	\$ (450.00)
TOTAL	\$ (450.00)

* Q1 State Cap posted in Q2

** Q2 State Cap posted in Q3

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FY18 FUND ACCOUNTING
AS OF 02/28/2018

Account 010 95F Z112 01 (Personal Services)	Mo.	Q1	Mo.	Q2	Mo.	Q3	Mo.	Q4	FY18 Total
FY18 Allotment	\$	191,878.00	\$	216,894.00	\$	191,873.00	\$	184,672.00	\$ -
Financial Order Adjustments	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Financial Order Adjustments	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Budget Order Adjustments	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Total Budget Allotments	\$	191,878.00	\$	216,894.00	\$	191,873.00	\$	184,672.00	\$ 785,317.00
Total Expenses	1 \$	(49,204.29)	4 \$	(79,098.20)	7 \$	(52,212.55)	10 \$	-	
	2 \$	(52,363.61)	5 \$	(47,858.62)	8 \$	(54,405.54)	11 \$	-	
	3 \$	(53,129.90)	6 \$	(52,437.93)	9 \$	-	12 \$	-	
TOTAL REMAINING	\$	37,180.20	\$	37,499.25	\$	85,254.91	\$	184,672.00	\$ 344,606.36

Q3 Month 8	
Per Diem Payments	\$ -
Salary	\$ (24,263.61)
Vacation Pay	\$ (1,514.01)
Holiday Pay	\$ (1,624.64)
Sick Pay	\$ (2,011.46)
Employee Hlth Svs/Workers Comp	\$ -
Health Insurance	\$ (9,024.08)
Dental Insurance	\$ (223.22)
Employer Retiree Health	\$ (3,491.08)
Employer Retirement	\$ (2,022.67)
Employer Group Life	\$ (279.30)
Employer Medicare	\$ (433.26)
Retiree Unfunded Liability	\$ (6,396.44)
Retro Pymt	\$ -
Perm Part Time Full Ben	\$ (3,121.77)
TOTAL	\$ (54,405.54)

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FY18 FUND ACCOUNTING
As of 02/28/18

Account 014 95F Z112 02 (Conference)	Mo.	Q1	Mo.	Q2	Mo.	Q3	Mo.	Q4	FY18 Total
Total Budget Allotments		\$ 20,500.00		\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 62,500.00
Financial Order Adjustment				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Financial Order Adjustment		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
Budget Order Adjustment		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total Budget Allotments		\$ 20,500.00		\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 62,500.00
Cash Carryover from Prior Quarter		\$ 14,942.80		\$ 12,967.13		\$ 14,722.49		\$ -	
Collected Revenue	1	\$ -	4	\$ 4,330.00	7	\$ 1,025.00	10	\$ -	
Non-attendance Reimbursements			4	\$ (575.00)		\$ -		\$ -	
Collected Revenue	2	\$ 4,250.00	5	\$ 1,615.00	8	\$ 700.00	11	\$ -	
Collected Revenue	3	\$ 1,890.00	6	\$ -	9	\$ -	12	\$ -	
TOTAL CASH PLUS REVENUE COLLECTED		\$ 21,082.80		\$ 18,337.13		\$ 16,447.49		\$ -	\$ 13,235.00
Total Expenses	1	\$ (1,559.99)	4	\$ (2,924.95)	7	\$ (176.99)	10	\$ -	
	2	\$ (112.28)	5	\$ (639.22)	8	\$ -	11	\$ -	
	3	\$ (6,353.73)	6	\$ -	9	\$ -	12	\$ -	
State Cap	**	\$ (89.67)		\$ (50.47)		\$ (2.51)		\$ -	\$ (142.65)
Encumbrances		\$ (4,272.55)		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	\$ (4,272.55)
REMAINING ALLOTMENT		\$ 8,111.78		\$ 11,385.36		\$ 14,820.50		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 46,317.64
REMAINING CASH Year to Date		\$ 12,967.13		\$ 14,722.49		\$ 16,267.99		\$ -	

Q3 Month 8	
Training Manuals Printing	\$ -
Training Refreshments/Meals	\$ -
Media Northeast	\$ -
Overseers of the Bar CLE fees	\$ -
Speaker Fees & Travel Expenses	\$ -
Non-attendance refunds	\$ -
State Cap Expense	\$ (2.51)
TOTAL	\$ -

** Q1 State Cap posted in Q2

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

Activity Report by Court

2/28/2018

Feb-18							Fiscal Year 2018			
Court	New Cases	Vouchers Submitted	Submitted Amount	Vouchers Paid	Approved Amount	Average Amount	Cases Opened	Vouchers Paid	Amount Paid	Average Amount
ALFSC	13	14	\$ 6,479.80	11	\$ 4,646.66	\$ 422.42	89	200	\$ 141,974.79	\$ 709.87
AUBSC	6	6	\$ 1,335.12	9	\$ 5,449.89	\$ 605.54	83	129	\$ 111,206.24	\$ 862.06
AUGDC	46	63	\$ 32,199.93	35	\$ 28,306.54	\$ 808.76	322	527	\$ 256,661.47	\$ 487.02
AUGSC	20	28	\$ 14,590.32	21	\$ 6,176.60	\$ 294.12	157	256	\$ 142,609.29	\$ 557.07
BANDC	36	71	\$ 29,115.42	51	\$ 19,443.92	\$ 381.25	421	753	\$ 270,246.04	\$ 358.89
BANSC	0	1	\$ 492.00	2	\$ 996.00	\$ 498.00	10	14	\$ 7,795.86	\$ 556.85
BATSC	2	1	\$ 657.28	1	\$ 222.00	\$ 222.00	8	7	\$ 1,920.80	\$ 274.40
BELDC	6	14	\$ 11,433.28	14	\$ 4,315.11	\$ 308.22	65	171	\$ 91,089.04	\$ 532.68
BELSC	2	1	\$ 492.00	0			4	13	\$ 10,786.32	\$ 829.72
BIDDC	56	78	\$ 34,838.50	46	\$ 28,409.98	\$ 617.61	454	629	\$ 335,204.71	\$ 532.92
BRIDC	7	16	\$ 12,277.73	17	\$ 7,205.12	\$ 423.83	92	148	\$ 82,634.66	\$ 558.34
CALDC	13	13	\$ 13,661.52	6	\$ 5,260.32	\$ 876.72	70	92	\$ 51,717.40	\$ 562.15
CARDC	4	11	\$ 3,580.88	6	\$ 1,698.00	\$ 283.00	34	92	\$ 44,327.59	\$ 481.82
CARSC	4	10	\$ 5,173.11	2	\$ 708.00	\$ 354.00	33	77	\$ 64,185.92	\$ 833.58
DOVDC	2	14	\$ 3,498.00	6	\$ 1,566.00	\$ 261.00	45	97	\$ 30,914.88	\$ 318.71
DOVSC	0	0		0			0	2	\$ 324.00	\$ 162.00
ELLDC	9	15	\$ 6,558.00	12	\$ 9,266.81	\$ 772.23	106	215	\$ 130,806.31	\$ 608.40
ELLSC	4	4	\$ 606.00	2	\$ 1,473.20	\$ 736.60	11	14	\$ 3,933.20	\$ 280.94
FARDC	17	15	\$ 12,764.64	9	\$ 5,873.38	\$ 652.60	85	119	\$ 80,995.95	\$ 680.64
FARSC	0	0		0			2	5	\$ 3,211.96	\$ 642.39
FORDC	2	6	\$ 3,579.12	11	\$ 2,979.60	\$ 270.87	25	41	\$ 18,677.86	\$ 455.56
HOUDC	12	28	\$ 11,928.42	15	\$ 5,319.84	\$ 354.66	131	221	\$ 97,989.89	\$ 443.39
HOUSC	1	0		0			7	10	\$ 28,150.46	\$ 2,815.05
LEWDC	61	87	\$ 50,613.44	79	\$ 42,322.68	\$ 535.73	533	926	\$ 404,005.20	\$ 436.29
LINDC	9	20	\$ 10,156.82	14	\$ 5,036.74	\$ 359.77	68	119	\$ 54,409.48	\$ 457.22
MACDC	3	10	\$ 7,969.08	8	\$ 3,287.88	\$ 410.99	83	146	\$ 67,391.12	\$ 461.58
MACSC	0	4	\$ 2,046.00	1	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,470.00	14	19	\$ 18,306.28	\$ 963.49
MADDC	4	1	\$ 464.00	1	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	14	13	\$ 3,247.52	\$ 249.81
MILDC	5	4	\$ 1,741.60	3	\$ 2,035.60	\$ 678.53	28	18	\$ 7,722.00	\$ 429.00
NEWDC	7	26	\$ 10,616.61	15	\$ 4,275.28	\$ 285.02	88	183	\$ 67,203.01	\$ 367.23
PORDC	67	96	\$ 57,495.68	93	\$ 48,808.31	\$ 524.82	647	905	\$ 464,233.95	\$ 512.97
PORSC	3	3	\$ 1,452.00	1	\$ 456.00	\$ 456.00	9	15	\$ 47,109.44	\$ 3,140.63
PREDC	10	38	\$ 17,549.64	27	\$ 14,274.74	\$ 528.69	95	275	\$ 156,588.06	\$ 569.41
RODC	24	19	\$ 11,667.45	19	\$ 10,800.96	\$ 568.47	137	218	\$ 113,069.29	\$ 518.67
ROCSC	1	2	\$ 744.00	0			13	17	\$ 13,632.26	\$ 801.90
RUMDC	7	11	\$ 14,820.71	11	\$ 11,897.31	\$ 1,081.57	66	104	\$ 63,532.15	\$ 610.89
SKODC	27	41	\$ 18,642.70	27	\$ 12,216.12	\$ 452.45	141	386	\$ 218,301.52	\$ 565.55
SKOSC	1	1	\$ 534.00	0			1	0		
SODC	2	2	\$ 1,694.27	6	\$ 3,819.12	\$ 636.52	40	77	\$ 45,784.67	\$ 594.61
SOUSC	4	2	\$ 672.00	4	\$ 1,009.50	\$ 252.38	19	45	\$ 30,194.95	\$ 671.00
SPRDC	28	54	\$ 39,590.69	44	\$ 19,098.86	\$ 434.07	306	528	\$ 286,180.93	\$ 542.01
Law Ct	13	21	\$ 31,041.24	19	\$ 21,910.46	\$ 1,153.18	95	129	\$ 196,932.61	\$ 1,526.61
YORCD	188	237	\$ 182,931.98	166	\$ 127,468.68	\$ 767.88	1,596	1,867	\$ 1,322,038.85	\$ 708.11
AROCD	119	138	\$ 108,039.23	77	\$ 55,869.36	\$ 725.58	889	875	\$ 500,170.10	\$ 571.62
ANDCD	116	106	\$ 52,864.44	106	\$ 55,233.90	\$ 521.07	1,108	1,189	\$ 605,892.67	\$ 509.58
KENCD	135	174	\$ 86,389.53	131	\$ 74,192.39	\$ 566.35	1,158	1,404	\$ 707,792.95	\$ 504.13
PENCD	241	213	\$ 87,186.66	215	\$ 126,660.88	\$ 589.12	1,912	2,109	\$ 966,350.46	\$ 458.20
SAGCD	25	30	\$ 26,342.04	26	\$ 38,522.14	\$ 1,481.62	259	267	\$ 171,044.57	\$ 640.62
WALCD	33	22	\$ 14,140.88	19	\$ 7,084.36	\$ 372.86	246	264	\$ 154,980.85	\$ 587.05
PISCD	11	7	\$ 2,304.00	13	\$ 2,724.00	\$ 209.54	112	126	\$ 27,724.18	\$ 220.03
HANCD	61	53	\$ 20,522.52	42	\$ 16,374.80	\$ 389.88	486	519	\$ 234,728.17	\$ 452.27
FRACD	43	36	\$ 18,809.61	34	\$ 15,161.44	\$ 445.92	365	403	\$ 204,908.24	\$ 508.46
WASCD	33	35	\$ 7,122.00	42	\$ 16,211.80	\$ 386.00	360	359	\$ 148,503.97	\$ 413.66
CUMCD	251	314	\$ 160,519.38	261	\$ 164,723.23	\$ 631.12	2,672	2,947	\$ 1,675,989.96	\$ 568.71
KNODC	59	43	\$ 17,832.59	30	\$ 13,538.56	\$ 451.29	373	453	\$ 242,946.69	\$ 536.31
SOMCD	3	2	\$ 1,786.15	1	\$ 1,480.15	\$ 1,480.15	8	7	\$ 6,199.56	\$ 885.65
OXFCD	66	54	\$ 31,262.50	51	\$ 29,583.34	\$ 580.07	497	581	\$ 317,986.39	\$ 547.31
LINCD	48	56	\$ 39,172.90	38	\$ 24,530.44	\$ 645.54	311	356	\$ 189,877.65	\$ 533.36
WATDC	26	37	\$ 24,242.50	27	\$ 16,175.48	\$ 599.09	199	388	\$ 198,534.88	\$ 511.69
WESDC	18	22	\$ 6,532.00	19	\$ 6,409.76	\$ 337.36	186	234	\$ 100,285.74	\$ 428.57
WISDC	9	9	\$ 9,208.25	12	\$ 14,362.20	\$ 1,196.85	68	97	\$ 68,347.36	\$ 704.61
WISSC	1	0		0			4	11	\$ 7,696.12	\$ 699.65
YORDC	5	11	\$ 6,390.00	7	\$ 2,652.00	\$ 378.86	72	117	\$ 49,492.83	\$ 423.02
TOTAL	2,029	2,450	\$ 1,388,372.16	1,965	\$ 1,151,145.44	\$ 585.82	17,532	22,528	\$ 12,166,701.27	\$ 540.07

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

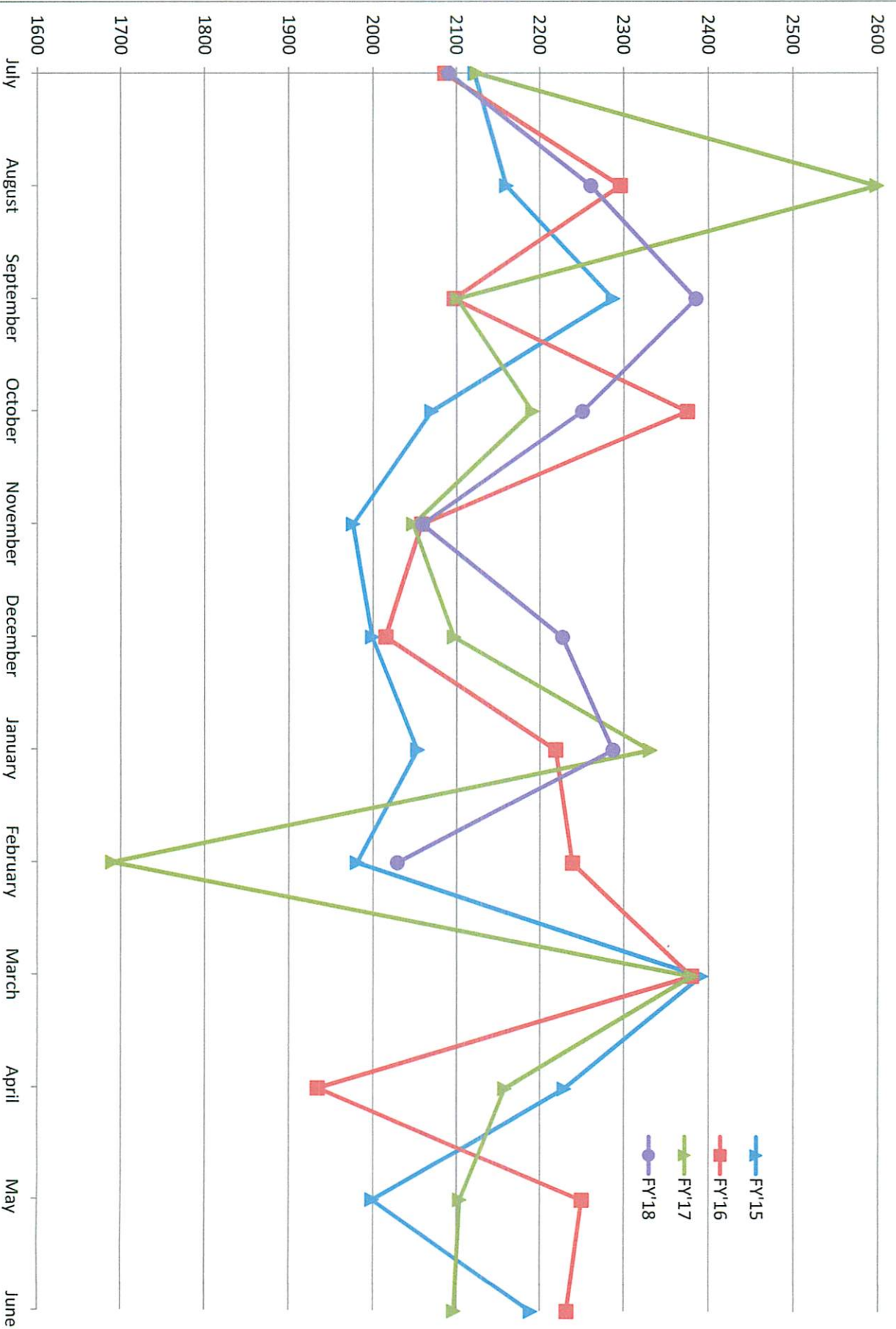
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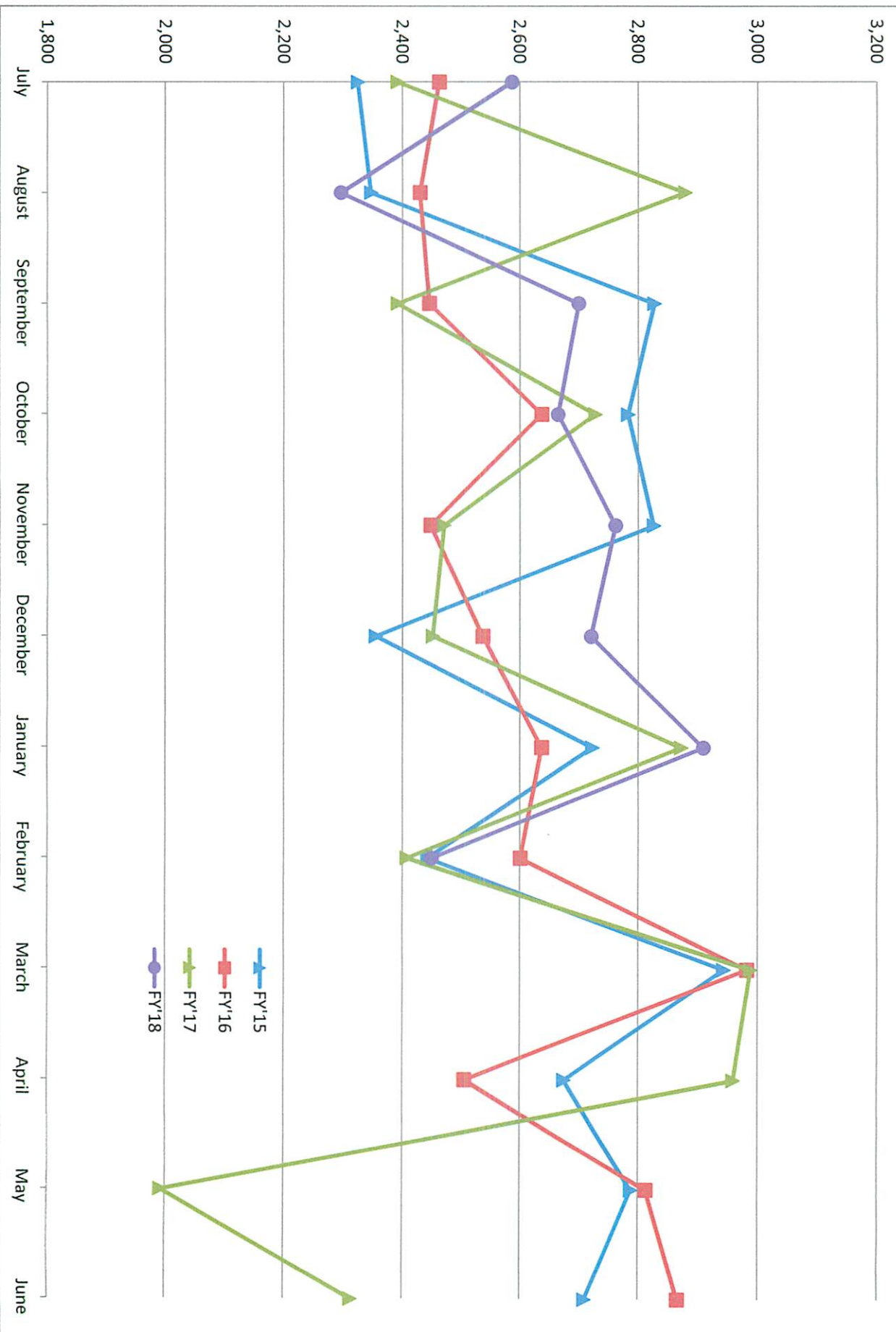
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Dover-Foxcroft District Court	24
Ellsworth District Court	37
Farmington District Court	34
Fort Kent District Court	9
Houlton District Court	13
Lewiston District Court	123
Lincoln District Court	25
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Millinocket District Court	18
Newport District Court	33
Portland District Court	155
Presque Isle District Court	14
Rockland District Court	39
Rumford District Court	25
Skowhegan District Court	27

Court	Rostered Attorneys
South Paris District Court	53
Springvale District Court	120
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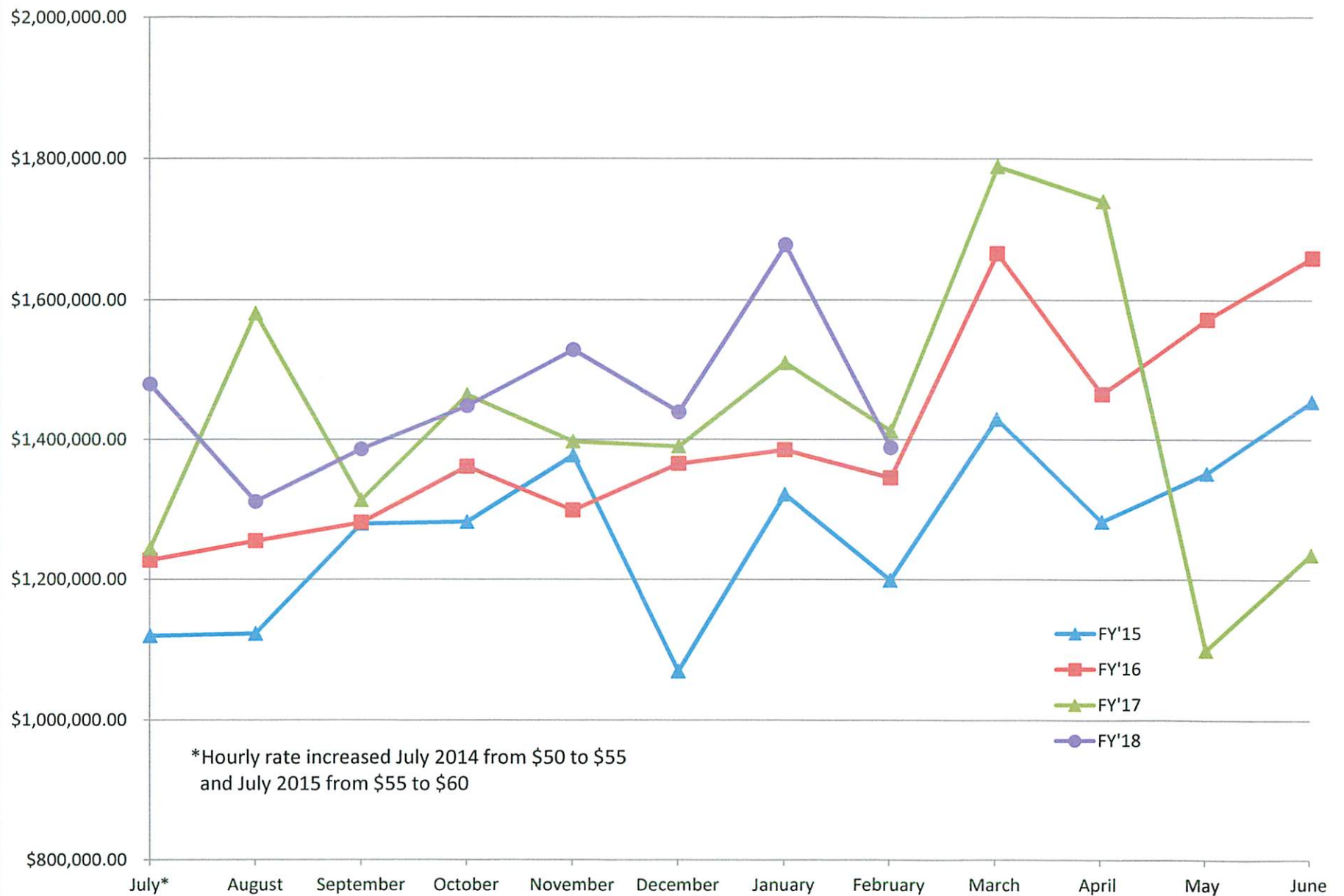
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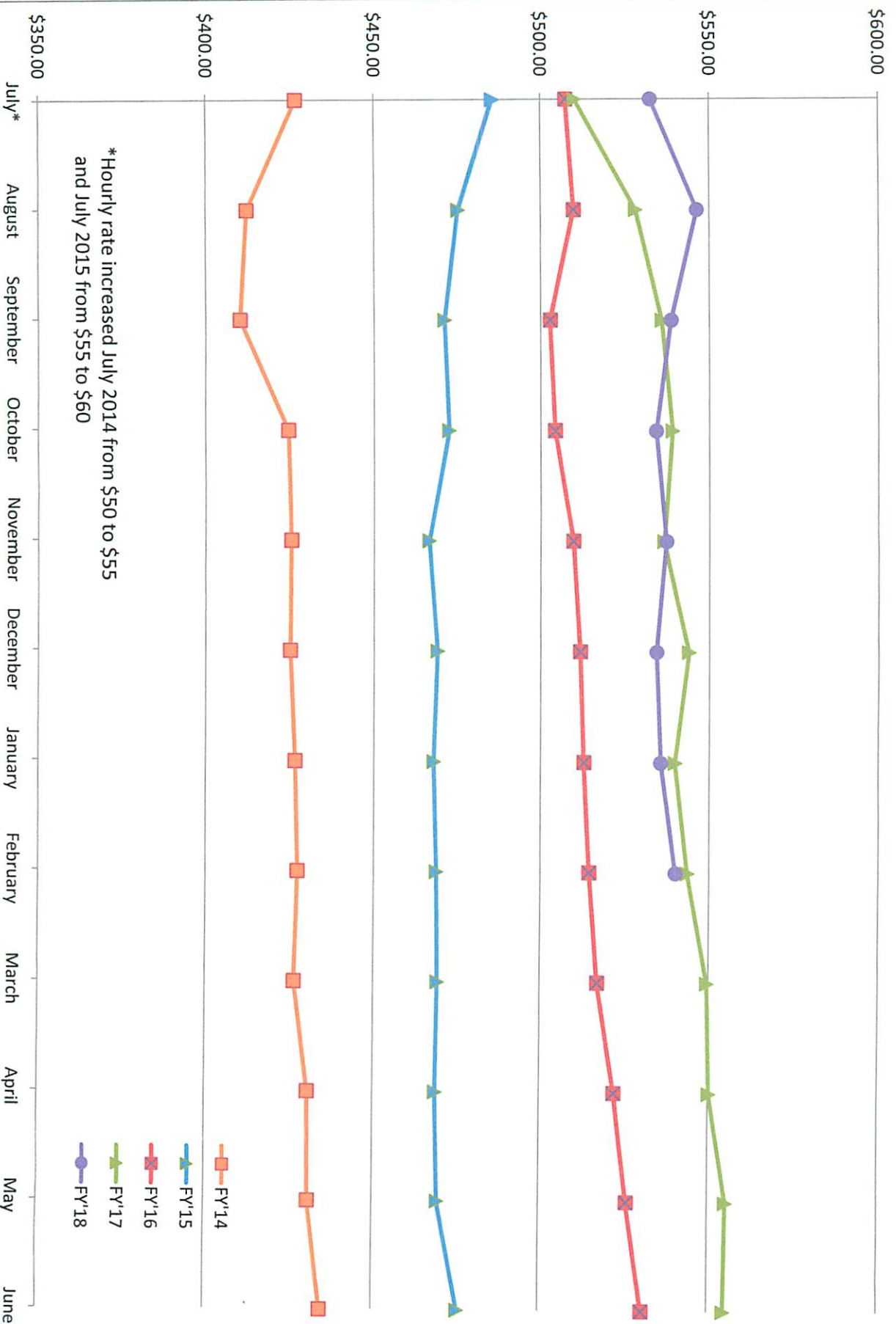
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Submitted Voucher Amount



Average Voucher Price Fiscal Year to Date



Monthly Price Per Voucher

Month	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16	FY'17	FY'18
July	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
August	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
September	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
October	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
November	\$425	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
December	\$425	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$575
January	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
February	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
March	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
April	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
May	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
June	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350

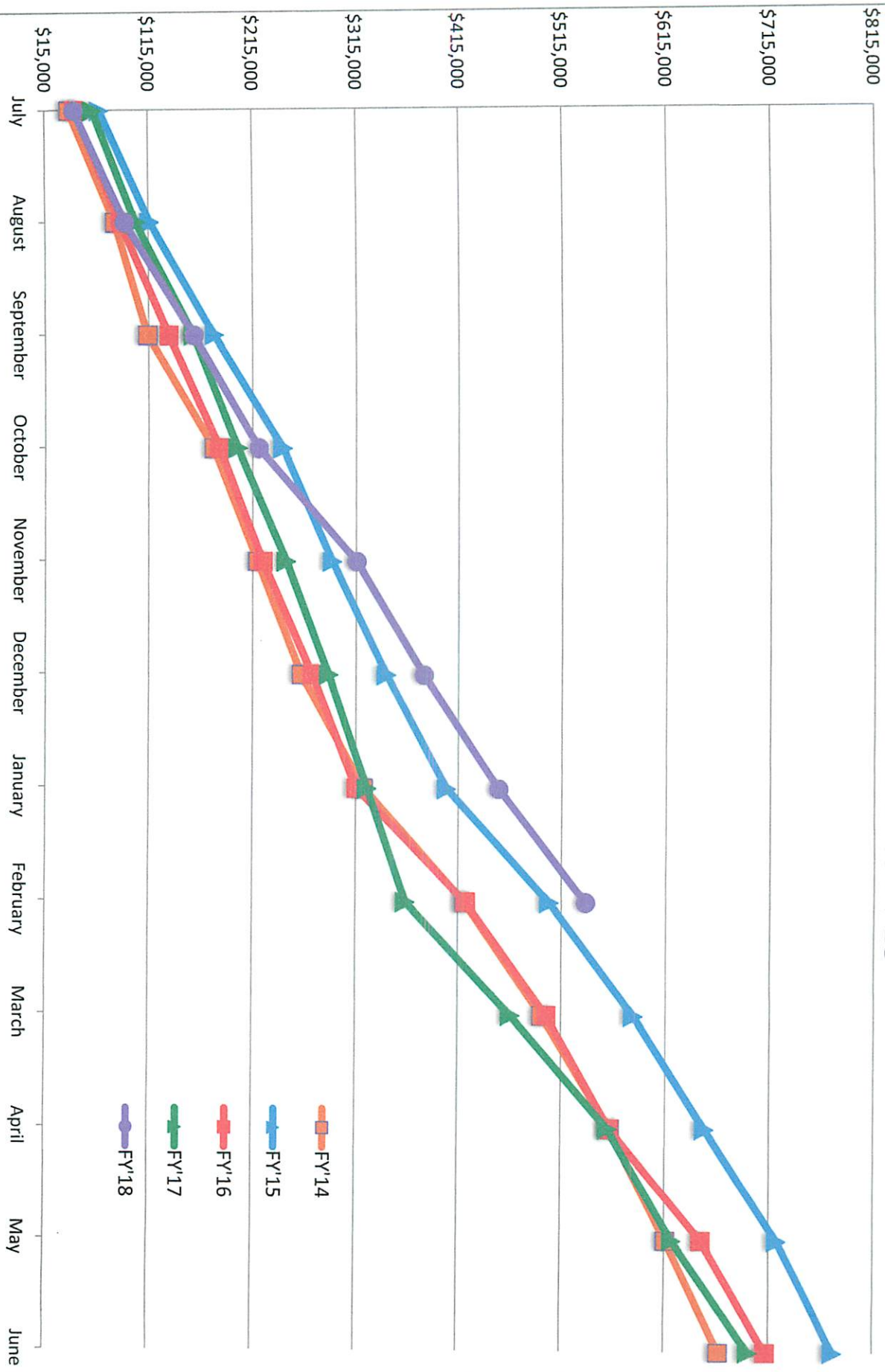
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Monthly Price Per Voucher

Month	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16	FY'17	FY'18
July	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
August	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
September	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
October	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
November	\$425	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
December	\$425	\$525	\$525	\$525	\$575
January	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
February	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
March	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
April	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
May	\$400	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$550
June	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350

* Hourly rate increased July 2014 from \$50 to \$55 and July 2015 from \$55 to \$60

COLLECTION TOTALS FY'14 to FY'18



(3.) Legislative Update

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

TO: MCILS COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JOHN D. PELLETIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CC: ELLIE MACIAG, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: Legislative Update
DATE: March 7, 2018

As discussed at the last meeting, the Judiciary Committee decided to move forward on two bills related to the recommendations of the working group, LD 1812 calling for a study by the Sixth Amendment Center and LD 1817 increasing the number of Commissioners and making changes to the qualifications of potential Commissioners and the entities who recommend candidates to the Governor. A public hearing on the two bills was held on February 13, 2018. At a work session on February 20, 2018, the Committee voted unanimously to move forward with the study, with funding to come from the MCILS budget for the current fiscal year. Copies of the original bill and the amendment are attached. On that day, LD 1817 was tabled to a later work session.

The second work session on LD 1817 took place on February 27, 2018. At that time, the Committee voted to amend the bill to specify that only two of 9 Commissioners could “receive compensation from the Commission” and that those two would be limited to work on three (3) or fewer cases per year. Further amendments specify: 1) that the Maine State Bar Association will be one of the entities recommending candidates to the Governor; 2) that one Commissioner have an administrative or financial background; and 3) that the number needed for a quorum be changed from three (3) to a majority of serving Commissioners. Finally, the amendment provides that any currently serving Commissioner who does not meet the qualifications created by the bill may continue to serve until a replacement is nominated and confirmed. To date, a final draft of this amendment has not been produced.

Finally, at a discussion session on March 6, 2018, the Committee voted to prepare and submit two bills addressing the Commission budget: 1) An Act to Reinstate Certain Other Special Revenue Allocations for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services; and 2) An Act to Reestablish a Baseline Budget for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services. The first bill, voted unanimously, would create additional Other Special Revenue allocations for the Commission’s counsel fee reimbursement and conference accounts, amounts for which were inadvertently omitted from the Other Special Revenue account created for FY’19. The second bill moves the Commission’s FY’19 All Other and Personal Services allocation from the Special Revenue Account into the general fund, thus allowing access to these funds in the ordinary manner and creating a baseline budget for the next biennial budget process. This bill received a divided vote, with the outcome uncertain due to a number of missing Committee members being yet to vote.



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2018

Legislative Document

No. 1812

H.P. 1257

House of Representatives, January 30, 2018

**Resolve, Directing an Independent, Nonpartisan, Objective
Evaluation of the Provision of Indigent Legal Services**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative MOONEN of Portland for the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary pursuant to Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Pt. UUUU, section 17.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint
Rule 218.

Robert B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 Whereas, the State of Maine has a constitutional obligation to provide indigent legal
4 services; and

5 Whereas, the diversity in population density and availability of attorneys across the
6 State can present challenges to providing consistent high-quality legal services to fulfill
7 that obligation; and

8 Whereas, many factors external to the operation of the Maine Commission on
9 Indigent Legal Services are driving up costs to both prosecution and defense; and

10 Whereas, the need to ensure the most efficient use of limited resources requires a
11 study of the existing system to be conducted by an independent, outside, nonpartisan
12 entity; and

13 Whereas, the Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services
14 recommended that such a study be conducted as soon as possible; and

15 Whereas, authorization and funding for the study need to be provided as soon as
16 possible for the comprehensive study to be conducted in time for recommendations to be
17 considered by the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature; and

18 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
19 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
20 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 **Sec. 1. Legislative Council to contract for independent, nonpartisan,**
23 **objective evaluation of obligation to provide indigent legal services.**
24 **Resolved:** That the Legislative Council, through the Executive Director of the
25 Legislative Council, shall contract with a qualified nonprofit organization that has, within
26 the 12 months prior to the effective date of this resolve, provided consulting and
27 evaluations regarding state indigent legal services systems to evaluate the existing system
28 in the State for providing legal representation as required by both the Constitution of
29 Maine and the United States Constitution and by the laws of the State and to provide
30 recommendations to improve the structure, services and other elements of the State's
31 indigent legal services system. The executive director shall arrange for the evaluation to
32 be completed and a report submitted to the joint standing committee of the 129th
33 Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters no later than January 15, 2019; and
34 be it further

35 **Sec. 2. Joint standing committee authorized to report out legislation.**
36 **Resolved:** That the joint standing committee of the 129th Legislature having
37 jurisdiction over judiciary matters is authorized to submit legislation based on the report
38 and recommendations contained in the report submitted pursuant to section 1 to the First
39 Regular Session of the 129th Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Appropriates funds on a one-time basis to the Legislature to provide funding for the purpose of entering into a contract with a nonprofit organization experienced in evaluating indigent legal services systems.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$110,000	\$0
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$110,000	\$0

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This resolve is a recommendation of the Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services. It directs the Legislative Council to contract for an independent, nonpartisan, objective evaluation of and report on the provision of indigent legal services with a nonprofit organization that conducts such evaluations. The joint standing committee of the 129th Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters is authorized to report out legislation based on the report.

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Date:

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Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

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10 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1257, L.D. 1812, "Resolve, Directing
 11 an Independent, Nonpartisan, Objective Evaluation of the Provision of Indigent Legal
 Services"

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 3 (page 2, lines 1 to 11 in L.D.) and
 inserting the following:

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'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following
 appropriations and allocations are made.

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INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

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Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

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Initiative: Deappropriates funds on a one-time basis to offset the cost to provide funding
 for the purpose of entering into a contract with a nonprofit organization experienced in
 evaluating indigent legal services systems.

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GENERAL FUND

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All Other

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2017-18

2018-19

(\$110,000)

\$0

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL

(\$110,000)

\$0

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INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE

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COMMISSION ON

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DEPARTMENT TOTALS

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2017-18

2018-19

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GENERAL FUND

(\$110,000)

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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

(\$110,000)

\$0

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 02/23/18 *MAC*

128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1812

LR 2893(02)

Resolve, Directing an Independent, Nonpartisan, Objective Evaluation of the Provision of Indigent Legal Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$110,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 to the Legislature and a one-time deappropriation of the same amount from the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to contract with a nonprofit organization experienced in evaluating indigent legal services systems.

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Action Items Discussion

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

TO: MCILS COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JOHN D. PELLETIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CC: ELLIE MACIAG, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: ACTION ITEMS DISCUSSION
DATE: March 7, 2018

At the last meeting, the Commission requested that the staff move forward with finalizing and distributing the feedback form seeking comments on attorney performance. The revised form is attached. Our website is being modified to create a new tab on the home page with a link to the feedback form. We also plan to ask financial screeners to distribute the form. Finally, I will email the form to the Trial Chiefs with a request that they distribute the form to judges and court staff and to the Maine Prosecutors' Association for distribution to their members. This should all be in place prior to the upcoming meeting.

Staff plans to next turn its attention to recruiting a roster of resource counsel.



MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

FEEDBACK FORM

The Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services wants to hear your comments about our rostered attorneys. Please let us know your thoughts – attach additional sheets if needed.

Attorney name: _____

I am a: ____ client/ ____ attorney/ ____ court staff/ ____ judge/ ____ prosecutor/ ____ other

Comments/Complaints/Questions: _____

Please provide your information below (OPTIONAL):

Name: _____	Date: _____	Court Location/Docket Number: _____
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Check the box for the best way to reach you:

☐ Phone: _____ ☐ Email: _____

☐ Mailing Address: _____

You may submit this form to us in the following ways:

- Mail your comments to MCILS, 154 State House Station, Augusta ME 04333
- Scan and email the form to: mcils@maine.gov
- Fax the form to 207-287-3293
- Return form to the MCILS financial screener

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Somerset Contract

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

TO: MCILS COMMISSIONERS
FROM: JOHN D. PELLETIER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CC: ELLIE MACIAG, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: SOMERSET RFP
DATE: March 7, 2018

The final extension of the current Somerset Contract expires on June 30, 2018. At its last meeting the Commission briefly discussed how to proceed. Concern was expressed about the number of hours per case reported by the Somerset attorneys. Chair Carey indicated that he would seek input from the Governor's office regarding potential roadblocks to the issuance of a new RFP for Somerset, and discussion is expected to continue at the upcoming meeting.

Attached for reference are copies of case and hour statistics for FY'17 and FY'16 under the contract that were distributed for the last meeting as well.

	Cases	Fiscal Year 2016	Hours
ADULT	353		1381.46
JUV	37		109.95
LODW	23		117.6
LODC	157		366.8
LODJ	12		42.35
TOTALS	582		2018.16
Contract Payment	272250		
Fee per case	467.78	(statewide \$530.69)	
Fee per hour	134.90		

	Fiscal Year 2017	
	Cases	Hours
ADULT	264	942.64
JUV	13	43.5
LODW	27	117.7
LODC	159	402.8
LODJ	12	49.35
TOTALS	475	1555.99
Contract Payment	272250	
Fee per case	573.16	(statewide \$554.80)
Fee per hour	174.97	