MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

TO: MCILS COMMISSIONERS

FROM: JUSTIN ANDRUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS REPORTS

DATE: February 22, 2022

Attached you will find the January 2022, Operations Reports for your review and our discussion at the Commission meeting on February 28, 2022. A summary of the operations reports follows:

- 2,374 new cases were opened in the DefenderData system in January. This was a 100 case increase from December. Year to date, new cases are basically flat from 16,708 at this time last year to 16,864 this year.

- The number of vouchers submitted electronically in January was 2,875, an increase of 419 vouchers from December, totaling $1,695,565, an increase of $278,455 from December. Year to date, the number of submitted vouchers is up by approximately 7.9%, from 17,215 at this time last year to 18,582 this year, with the total amount for submitted vouchers up approximately 31.7%, from $7,774,453 at this time last year to $10,246,163 this year.

- In January, we paid 2,679 electronic vouchers totaling $1,529,979, representing an increase of 840 vouchers and an increase of $446,222 compared to December. Year to date, the number of paid vouchers is up approximately 6.2%, from 16,617 at this time last year to 17,649 this year, and the total amount paid is up approximately 30.5%, from $7,418,678 this time last year to $9,684,105 this year.

- We paid no paper vouchers in January.

- The average price per voucher in January was $571.10 down $18.22 per voucher from December. Year to date, the average price per voucher is up approximately 18.6%, from $446.45 at this time last year to $548.71 this year.

- Post-Conviction Review and Appeal cases had the highest average voucher in January. There were 8 vouchers exceeding $5,000 paid in January. See attached addendum for details.

- In January, we issued 52 authorizations to expend funds: 25 for private investigators, 14 for experts, and 13 for miscellaneous services such as interpreters and transcriptionists. In December, we paid $50,084 for experts and investigators, etc. No requests for funds were denied.

- In January we opened 3 attorney investigations.

- In our All Other Account, the total expenses for the month of January were $1,621,155. During January, approximately $41,091 was devoted to the Commission's operating expenses.

- In the Personal Services Accounts, we had $114,258 in expenses for the month of January.

- In the Revenue Account, the transfer from the Judicial Branch for January reflecting December's collections, totaled $65,419.

- Exceptional results

    - Attorney Jeff Wilson got a not guilty verdict on a Gross Sexual Assault trial

    - Attorney Jeremiah McIntosh won a suppression motion in a felony drug case, resulting in the dismissal of all charges