



RANDALL COUNTY TEXAS

CHRISTY DYER
RANDALL COUNTY JUDGE

October 6, 2025

Texas Indigent Defense Commission
209 W. 14th Street, Room 202 (Price Daniel Building)
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Response to Findings and Recommendations-September 2025

Dear TIDC,

Attached please find Randall County's Response to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission's Findings and Recommendations dated September 2025. We believe we have addressed the issues which came to light during your January 2024 audit, but recognize it is an ongoing obligation. We are pleased to find that our responses to your previous recommendations have been successful in addressing prior issues. We hope that these responses will be equally successful in the future.

We appreciate your professionalism and assistance to Randall County in the past in helping us address the issue of providing adequate indigent defense to those in need in Randall County. If you have any questions regarding our response, please feel free to contact me or Judge James Anderson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christy Dyer".

Christy Dyer
Randall County Judge

Responses to September 2025 Findings and Recommendations – Randall County

Conduct prompt and accurate magistration proceedings.

May 2025 Finding and Recommendation 1: Randall County magistrates do not always ask persons arrested on out-of-county warrants if they want to request counsel. As required by Article 15.18, the magistrate must ask each person arrested on an out-of-county warrant whether the person wants to request appointed counsel. The request must be transmitted to the warrant-issuing county.
Issue Pending

Response: This issue of not asking out of county defendants was brought to our attention during the TIDC audit. The issue was resolved immediately, with all judges doing magistration being instructed and reminded that all defendants, including those who are held on out of county warrants, need to be asked if they want to request Court appointed counsel. The correction took place during the audit, and the monitors viewed several magistrations afterwards, and the issue was corrected. Since the audit, Randall County has implemented a Managed Assigned Counsel office in July 2025. The MAC now ensures that these matters are appropriately handled.

Completion date: During the auditors' visit in January 2024.

Statutory Data Reporting – Corrective Action Plan

County Response: We appreciate the time taken during the review to explain our misinterpretation of the guidelines for allowable expenses on the IDER. Our different types of expenses are separated into multiple accounts on the general ledger to make sure that we have the data needed for reporting, and there are checks and balances between the ledger and the spreadsheets used to prepare the IDER. Time management was a factor in the preparation of the FY2023 IDER, and the grants accountant is now working ahead on checking the ledgers each quarter instead of waiting until the end of the year to sort the information. Also, the grants accountant reviews the new guidelines upon release each year to make sure any changes are noted so that adjustments to our processes can be made to ensure accurate reporting.

Contact person: Holly Latimer, Grants Accountant in the Office of the Randall County Auditor, Ravonnette Stacey

Completion date: Immediately following the review in January 2024.

Promulgate Standard Attorney Fee Schedule and Payment Process

Response: We are unaware of the two fee vouchers which allegedly were not paid according to the published fee schedule. Judges are authorized by the plan to deviate from the fee schedule if the judge believes that the circumstances of the case warrant deviation. Because of this flexibility allowed within the plan, and without knowing the particular vouchers, it is impossible to address this finding. However, the new Randall County MAC began operation in July 2025. It has implemented and published a new

Fee Schedule and payment process for court appointed attorneys. The MAC reviews all fee vouchers now and pays vouchers according to the plan. The judges no longer are involved, unless an appointed attorney appeals the payment decision of the MAC Director as allowed by law.