

MEMORANDUM

To: Joel Lieurance, Senior Policy Monitor

From: Pat Deen, Parker County Judge

Date: March 29, 2022

Re: Response to Summary of Findings and Recommendations

Pat Deen
3-29-22

REQUIREMENT 1, FINDING 1: Magistrates will comply with Article 15.17.

REQUIREMENT 1, FINDING 2: The County will comply with Article 15.17.

REQUIREMENT 3, FINDING 3: District judges will comply with Article 26.04.

REQUIREMENT 3, FINDING 4: The County will comply with Article 26.04.

REQUIREMENT 4, FINDING 5: The County will meet Article 1.051 guidelines.

APPENDIX: MONITORING REVIEW CHECKLIST

REQUIREMENT 1:

The magistrate must ensure that reasonable assistance in completing forms necessary to request counsel is provided to the accused.

RESPONSE: Assistance will be provided.

A record must be made of the following:

- the magistrate informing the accused of the accused's right to request appointment of counsel;
- the magistrate asking whether accused wants to request appointment of counsel;
- and whether the person requested court appointed counsel.

RESPONSE: Admonishment records will be made.

REQUIREMENT 3:

Establish objective qualification standards for attorneys to be on an appointment list.

- Standards must require attorneys to complete at least six hours of continuing legal education pertaining to criminal/juvenile law during each 12-month reporting period or be currently certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

RESPONSE: Attorney qualification standards will be imposed and enforced.

- Standards must require attorneys to submit by October 15 each year the percentage of the attorney's practice time dedicated to indigent defense based on criminal and juvenile appointments accepted in this county. The report must be

made on a form prescribed by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission for the prior 12 months that begins on October 1 and ends on September 13.

RESPONSE: Attorneys will be advised to comply with Indigent Defense laws.
