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August 9th 2022

Att: TIDC 209 W. 14TH Street, Room 202 Austin, Texas 78701

In June 2022 TIDC reviewed the procedure for jail magistration relating to the process of appointing council to indigent defendants. Since the time of that review Bosque County has implemented new policy and procedures for this process to ensure that core requirement 1 listed in the review adheres to current law. At time of each Article 15.17 proceeding when a defendant request court appointed council I personally go over the proper forms and make sure they are complete. I then personally email the forms to the appropriate court within minutes of the form being completed and document that the forms have been transmitted.

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Bosque County Justice of the Peace Pct. 1



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Joel Lieurance Texas Indigent Defense Commission 209 W. 14th Street, Room 202 Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Bosque County TIDC 2022 Audit

Mr. Lieurance:

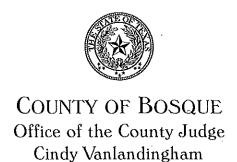
This letter is to notify the Texas Indigent Defense Commission of corrective measures taken to ensure complaince with applicable laws.

- 1. Defendant/Applicants are no longer allowed to take the forms back to their cell for completion.
- 2. Magistrates are ensuring all forms and applications for court appointed counsel are complete at the time of magistration.
- 3. The magistrate is then forwarding the completed application for counsel to the appointing authority within 24 hours.
- 4. The appointing court will rule on all requests for counsel within three (3) working days of the request being made.

Please contact me if you need any additional information or questions.

Sincerely,

Shaun Carpenter



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October 18, 2022

Joel Lieruance Texas Indigent Defense Commission 209 W. 14th Street, Room 202 Austin, TX 78701

RE: Bosque County TIDC 2022 Audit

Mr. Lieurance,

The intent of this letter is to notify the Texas Indigent Defense Commission of the corrective measures that have been taken to ensure compliance with applicable laws.

- The applicants/defendants are no longer allowed to take the application form to their cell for completion.
- The Magistrates are making sure that all forms/applications for court appointed counsel are complete at the time of magistration.
- Upon completion the magistrate is forwarding the completed application for court appointed counsel to the appointing authority within 24 hours.
- The appointing court will rule on all requests for counsel within three working days of the request being made.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Cindy Vanlandingham Bosque County Judge