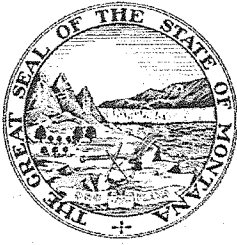


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September 30, 2015

Amy Carlson
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Dear Ms. Carlson:

Enclosed with this letter are three reports that are due from the Office of the State Public Defender to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by September 30, 2015 as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a) and (b).

The first report provides the number of cases opened, the number of cases closed, the number of cases that remain open and active, and the number of cases that remain open but are inactive for FY 2015. This information is required as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a).

The second report provides the number of days between case openings and closings for each case type for FY 2015. This information is required as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a).

The third report provides the amount of fees assessed by Montana courts to OPD clients, funds collected as reimbursements for services rendered, the number of cases for which a collection is made, the number of cases for which an amount is owed, the amount collected, and the amount remaining unpaid for FY 2007 through FY 2015. The report also provides the amount of fees assessed by Montana courts to OPD clients and the funds collected as reimbursements for services rendered for FY 2015. Detailed client information is no longer available. This information is required as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (b).

Please contact me if you need any clarification of this information at 406-496-6080.

Sincerely,

William F. Hooks
Chief Public Defender

cc: Richard E. Gillespie, Chair, Public Defender Commission
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division
Diane McDuffie, Legislative Fiscal Division
Malissa Williams, Office of Budget and Program Planning



OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
CASES OPENED AND CLOSED IN FY 2015
ACTIVE AND INACTIVE CASES REMAINING OPEN
TITLE 47-1-201 (10)(a)

FY 2015

	<u>CASES</u>
7/1/2014 Beg. Balance	25,593
FY 2015 Cases Opened	33,634
FY 2015 Cases Closed	<u>(31,216)</u>
6/30/2015 Ending Balance	28,011
Active Cases	21,889
Inactive Cases	<u>6,122</u>
	28,011



OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN BY CASE TYPE
CASES CLOSED DURING FY 2015
TITLE 47-1-201 (10)(a)

CASE TYPE NAME	CODE	2015 AVG. DAYS OPEN
Criminal	DC	287
Guardianship	DG	223
Involuntary Commitment	DI	44
Juvenile	DJ	244
Dependent & Neglect	DN	549
Courts of Limited Jurisdiction	LC	174



OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
 Assessments and
 Collections of Legal Fees
 M.C.A. 47-1-201 (10) (b)

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY2015
Balance of A/R @ Beg of Year	\$ -	\$ 41,211	\$ 138,570	\$ 360,588	\$ 664,384	\$ 1,155,652	\$ 1,425,981	\$ 1,831,060	\$ 2,586,871
Assessments by Year	49,229	132,178	254,592	364,463	615,262	462,219	660,811	1,041,006	1,014,134
Total Collections by Year	(8,018)	(34,818)	(32,574)	(60,667)	(123,994)	(191,890)	(255,732)	(285,194)	(312,603)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total*	30	103	327	627	1,325	1,351	1,470	N/A	N/A
Total Balance of A/R for Reporting Year **	\$ 41,211	\$ 138,570	\$ 360,588	\$ 664,384	\$ 1,155,652	\$ 1,425,981	\$ 1,831,060	\$ 2,586,871	\$ 3,288,402
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year*	-	73	318	750	1,833	3,130	4,157	5,639	N/A
# of Clients Assessments by Year*	81	285	494	1,246	1,743	1,493	1,754	N/A	N/A
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year*	(8)	(40)	(62)	(163)	(446)	(466)	(272)	N/A	N/A
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ End of Year*	73	318	750	1,833	3,130	4,157	5,639	N/A	N/A

*See the Montana Public Defender Commission's Resolution adopted on October 18, 2013.

** Financial Statement Reporting as follows \$ - \$ 66,637 \$ 213,181 \$ 481,939 \$ 900,298 \$ 1,274,121 \$ 1,658,585 \$ 2,416,080 \$ 3,117,611
 There exists a variance between A/R Reported here, and A/R reported on Financial Statements. This is created out of a time lag between dated court orders and signature of those orders, and a secondary lag for that information to make its way to the OPD Central Office for reporting here.