



# OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER STATE OF MONTANA

September 30, 2016

Amy Carlson  
Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
P.O. Box 201711  
Helena, MT 59620-1711

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, 2016 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 2016. 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 2016. 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 2016. 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 2016. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott L. Cruse".

Scott. L. Cruse  
Chief Administrator

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 2016  
ACTIVE AND INACTIVE CASES REMAINING OPEN  
TITLE 47-1-201 (10) (a)

<u>FY 2016 CASES</u>		
7/1/2015	Beg. Balance	28,011
FY 2016	Cases Opened	36,348
FY 2016	Cases Closed	<u>(31,263)</u>
6/30/2016	Ending Balance	33,096
Active Cases		26,319
Inactive Cases		<u>6,777</u>
		33,096



OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER  
AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN BY CASE TYPE  
CASES CLOSED DURING FY 2016  
TITLE 47-1-201 (10)(a)

CASE TYPE NAME	CODE	2016 AVG. DAYS
		OPEN
Criminal	DC	284
Guardianship	DG	365
Involuntary Commitment	DI	42
Juvenile	DJ	268
Dependent & Neglect	DN	552
Courts of Limited Jurisdiction	LC	180



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	FY 2015	FY 2016
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	\$ 3,288,402
Assessments by Year	49,229	132,178	254,592	364,463	615,262	462,219	660,811	1,041,006	1,014,134	1,126,302
Total Collections by Year	(8,018)	(34,818)	(32,574)	(60,667)	(123,994)	(191,890)	(255,732)	(285,194)	(312,603)	(290,079)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total*	30	103	327	627	1,325	1,351	1,470	N/A	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	\$ 4,124,625
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year*	-	73	318	750	1,833	3,130	4,157	5,639	N/A	N/A
# of Clients Assessments by Year*	81	285	494	1,246	1,743	1,493	1,754	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year*	(8)	(40)	(62)	(163)	(446)	(466)	(272)	N/A	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	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 \$ 3,953,834  
 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.