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PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010  
Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2011 and 2010



PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Members of the Board  
Public Defender Corporation  
Eighth Judicial Circuit  
Welch, West Virginia

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Public Defender Corporation for the Eighth Judicial Circuit (the "Corporation"), a component unit of the State of West Virginia as of and for the year ended, June 30, 2011 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of the Corporation as of June 30, 2010 were audited by other auditors whose report date September 1, 2010, expressed an unqualified opinion on these statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of June 30, 2011, and the respective change in financial position and cash flow thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 31, 2011, on our consideration of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis*, as listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any other assurance.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.  
August 31, 2011

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 and 2010  
(Unaudited)

This discussion and analysis of the Public Defender Corporation of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of the State of West Virginia financial performance provides an overview of the Corporation's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, and identifies changes in the Corporations financial position.

**Overview of Basic Financial Statements**

These statements are in two parts – *management's discussion and analysis* (this section) and the *basic financial statements*. The Corporation's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and are reported in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These statements include the *statements of net assets*, the *statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets*, the *statements of cash flows* and the notes to the financial statements.

The *statement of net assets* presents the Corporation's assets, liabilities and net assets as of the financial statements date. Through this presentation one can decipher the health of the Corporation by taking the difference between the assets and liabilities. An increase or decrease in the Corporation's net assets from one year to the next is an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets* reports revenues and expenses when earned or incurred. This means that all of the current year's revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is paid or received, thus providing a view of financial position that is similar to that presented by most private-sector companies. This statement summarizes the cost of providing legal defense services to those individuals charged with a violation of the law but who cannot afford an attorney to defend themselves or to represent indigent persons or juveniles and mental hygiene cases as appointed by the court.

**Financial Analysis of the Corporation**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets			
Capital assets	\$ 8,642	\$ 7,770	\$ 8,203
Other assets	93,489	156,975	108,934
Total assets	<u>\$ 102,131</u>	<u>\$ 164,745</u>	<u>\$ 117,137</u>
Liabilities			
Short-term liabilities	<u>\$ 56,776</u>	<u>\$ 51,694</u>	<u>\$ 39,894</u>
Total liabilities	<u>56,776</u>	<u>51,694</u>	<u>39,894</u>
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets	8,642	7,770	8,203
Unrestricted	36,713	105,281	69,040
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 102,131</u>	<u>\$ 164,745</u>	<u>\$ 117,137</u>

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The Corporation's revenues are derived from funding from West Virginia Public Defender Services (WVPDS) and accordingly 99% of the Corporation's revenues were derived from this funding for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010 and 2009.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Operating revenue	\$ 347,715	\$ 448,869	\$ 423,578
Operating expenses	<u>417,159</u>	<u>414,374</u>	<u>397,196</u>
Operating gain (loss)	<u>(69,444)</u>	<u>34,495</u>	<u>26,382</u>
Nonoperating revenue	<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,313</u>	<u>697</u>
Change in net assets	<u>(67,696)</u>	<u>35,808</u>	<u>27,079</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>113,051</u>	<u>77,243</u>	<u>50,164</u>
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ 45,355</u>	<u>\$ 113,051</u>	<u>\$ 77,243</u>

#### Detailed Financial Analysis of the Corporation

Cash held by the Corporation decreased by approximately \$65,000 as a result of a decrease in funding from the WVPDS, which was offset by a reduction in expenditures to suppliers for goods and services. All other assets and liabilities remained fairly consistent with the two prior periods.

Operating revenue for the fiscal year decreased by approximately \$100,000, due to decreased funding from WVPDS.

Operating expenses for the fiscal year remained fairly constant. There was an increase in personal services and employee benefits due to raises given during the year. There was a decrease to support services which is due to smaller, less serious trials during the year. All other expenses remained consistent with the prior fiscal year.

#### Capital Asset and Debt Activity

As of June 30, 2011, 2010 and 2009, the Corporation had capital assets amounting to approximately \$53,000, \$50,000, and \$48,000, respectively. The Corporation's capital assets include furniture and fixtures and computer equipment. The assets were being depreciated over useful lives of three to ten years. The accumulated depreciation on the assets amounted to approximately \$45,000, \$43,000 and \$40,000, respectively. There were no disposals during the current year.

Purchases of capital assets for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009 totaled approximately \$3,000, 2,000, and \$4,000, respectively.

The Corporation has no long term debt. More detailed information is presented in the notes to the financial statements.



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**Cash Management**

The Corporation's funds are deposited into a checking account at a national banking institution. The account earns interest at a rate of 1.0% below the federal fund rate. This amount was equal to approximately 1.0% for all three years. Interest earned on the accounts for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010 and 2009 amounted to approximately \$1,700, \$1,300, and \$700, respectively.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The West Virginia Public Defender Services, the Corporation's oversight agency, looked at various factors when approving the budget for the year ending June 30, 2012. Such factors considered include: the Corporation's case load in comparison to the number of professional and nonprofessional staff, the type, amount and rate of employee benefits, the anticipation of large or unusual cases which require additional resources, capital needs, as well as the operating environment and its operation needs.

For the year ending June 30, 2012, the Corporation had an approved budget of \$459,321. This represents a budget decrease of approximately \$10,100 from the prior year. All budgeted items are within a reasonable amount to the prior year.

**Requests for Information**

The financial report is designed to provide an overview of the finances of the Corporation for those with an interest in the organization. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to the Corporation at 30 McDowell Street, Welch, WV, 24801.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 90,523	\$ 155,834
Other assets	2,966	1,141
Total current assets	<u>93,489</u>	<u>156,975</u>
Capital assets		
Furniture and fixtures	20,190	20,190
Computer Equipment	33,274	30,274
	<u>53,464</u>	<u>50,464</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(44,822)</u>	<u>(42,694)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>8,642</u>	<u>7,770</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 102,131</u>	<u>\$ 164,745</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,776	\$ 10,631
Accrued expenses	15,052	10,705
Compensated absences	32,948	30,358
Total current liabilities	<u>56,776</u>	<u>51,694</u>
Total liabilities	<u>56,776</u>	<u>51,694</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in capital assets	8,642	7,770
Unrestricted	36,713	105,281
Total net assets	<u>\$ 45,355</u>	<u>\$ 113,051</u>

The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part Of These Financial Statements

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Operating revenues		
West Virginia Public Defender Services Grant Revenue	\$ 347,715	\$ 448,869
	<u>347,715</u>	<u>448,869</u>
Total operating revenues		
Operating expenses		
Personal services	287,450	276,059
Employee benefits	72,062	59,832
Support services	24,313	45,733
Administrative support	3,364	4,909
Office	26,936	21,939
Other	156	1,380
Acquisition	750	2,089
Depreciation	2,128	2,433
Total operating expenses	<u>417,159</u>	<u>414,374</u>
Operating income (loss)	(69,444)	34,495
Nonoperating revenues		
Interest income	1,748	1,313
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,313</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(67,696)	35,808
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>113,051</u>	<u>77,243</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 45,355</u>	<u>\$ 113,051</u>

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PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from grants	\$ 347,715	\$ 448,869
Cash paid to employees	(352,575)	(327,638)
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(59,199)	(70,201)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(64,059)</u>	<u>51,030</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Cash received as interest	1,748	1,313
Cash purchases of property and equipment	(3,000)	(1,999)
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(1,252)</u>	<u>(686)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(65,311)	50,344
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>155,834</u>	<u>105,490</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 90,523</u>	<u>\$ 155,834</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (69,444)	\$ 34,495
Adjustments:		
Depreciation	2,128	2,433
Decrease (increase) in operating assets		
Other assets	(1,825)	2,303
Increase (decrease) in operating liability		
Accounts payable	(1,855)	5,979
Accrued expenses	4,347	2,266
Compensated absences	2,590	3,554
Total adjustments	<u>5,385</u>	<u>16,535</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (64,059)</u>	<u>\$ 51,030</u>

The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part Of These Financial Statements

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

The Public Defender Corporation for the Eighth Judicial Circuit (the 'Corporation') is a not-for-profit Corporation created under authority of Article 21, Chapter 29 of the West Virginia State Code. The Corporation is a discretely presented component unit of the State of West Virginia and is funded by West Virginia Public Defender Services. The purpose of the Corporation is to provide high quality legal assistance to indigent persons, at no cost, who would be otherwise unable to afford adequate legal counsel.

Approximately 78% of the Corporation's revenues are utilized for program related purposes and 22% are for management and general purposes.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), including Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. The financial statement presentation required by GASB Statements No. 34 provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the Corporation's assets, revenues, expenses, changes in net assets and cash flows.

The Corporation follows all GASB pronouncements as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins issued on or before November 30, 1989, and has elected not to apply the FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, to its financial statements.

Reporting Entity

The Corporation is a component unit of the State of West Virginia and is funded by West Virginia Public Defender Services. The West Virginia Public Defender Services is part of the general fund of the state's comprehensive annual financial report. The Corporation is a separate entity and is considered a discretely presented component unit of the State of West Virginia.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial Statement Presentation

As required by GASB 34, the Corporation displays net assets in three components, if applicable: invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted, and unrestricted:

Invested in capital assets

This represents the Corporation's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

Restricted net assets

Restricted net assets are assets whose use or availability has been restricted and the restrictions limit the Corporation's ability to use the resources to pay current liabilities. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Corporation's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

Unrestricted net assets

Unrestricted net assets represent resources derived from state appropriations. These resources are used for transactions related to the providing of legal assistance to indigent persons, at no cost, who would otherwise be unable to afford adequate legal counsel, and may be used at the discretion of the board of directors to meet current expenses for any purpose.

Basis of Accounting

For financial accounting purposes, the Corporation is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the Corporation's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting with a flow of economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are reported when earned and expenses when materials or services are received.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of net assets, the Corporation considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets include property, plant, and equipment. Capital assets are stated at cost at the date of acquisition or construction, or fair market value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally three to ten years. The Corporation's capitalization threshold is \$1,000. Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$2,128 and \$2,433, respectively.

Compensated Absences

Estimated obligations arise for vacation leave at the current rate of employee pay. Employees earn vacation leave based on years of service. Employees with less than 5 years of continuous full-time employment during any period earn 15 days per year. Employees with 5 years, but less than 10 years of full-time employment during any continuous 10-year period, earn 18 days per year, employees with 10 years, but less than 15 years of full-time employment during any continuous 10-year period earn 21 days, and employees with more than 15 years of full-time employment during any continuous period of 15 years or more, earn 24 days per year.

Employees with less than 10 years of employment vest in a maximum of 30 days of unused vacation leave which is paid at the time of separation from employment. Employees with 10 years, but less than 15 years of full-time employment vest a maximum of 35 days and employees with more than 15 years of full-time employment or more vest a maximum of 40 unused vacation days.

Also, the Corporation grants sick leave based on time worked. Full-time employees earn 18 sick leave days for each year of service with no maximum accumulation. The Corporation does not accrue any liability for sick leave because no amount is paid at the time of separation of employment. The estimated expense and expense incurred for the vacation leave is recorded as a component of employee benefits expense on the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets.

The Corporation has no postemployment benefits under GASB Statement No. 45 *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions* with using Blue Cross/Blue Shield for its health coverage and not participating in PEIA.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Risk Management

The Corporation has obtained general, property, casualty and liability coverage for itself and its employees through a third party insurance company. Any loss in excess of the \$2,000,000 policy limit will be the responsibility of the Corporation.

In addition, through its participation in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the Corporation has obtained health, life, prescription drug coverage, and coverage for job related injuries for its employees. In exchange for payment of premiums to Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the Corporation has transferred its risks related to health, life, prescription drug coverage, and job related injuries.

West Virginia had a single private insurance company, BrickStreet Insurance, which provided workers' compensation coverage to all employers in the state. Other private insurance companies began to offer coverage to private-sector employers July 1, 2008 and began to offer coverage to government employers beginning July 1, 2010. Nearly every employer in the State, who has a payroll, must have coverage. The cost of all coverage is paid by the employers. BrickStreet retains the risk related to the compensation of injured employees under the program.

Revenues

The Corporation has classified its revenues according to the following criteria:

- Operating revenues – Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as most federal, state, local, and nongovernmental grants and contracts.
- Nonoperating revenues – Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions, such as gifts and contributions, and other revenues that are defined as nonoperating revenues by GASB Statement No. 9, Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting and GASB Statement No. 34, such as state appropriations and investment income.

Income Taxes

The Corporation is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as an other than a private foundation.



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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Corporation has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 31, 2011, the date the financial statements were issued.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of capital asset transactions for the Corporation for the year ended June 30, 2011 and 2010:

	2011			
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Computer Equipment	\$ 30,274	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 33,274
Furniture and fixtures	20,190	-	-	20,190
Total capital assets	<u>50,464</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,464</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Computer equipment	(25,000)	(1,405)	-	(26,405)
Furniture and fixtures	(17,694)	(723)	-	(18,417)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(42,694)</u>	<u>(2,128)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,822)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 7,770</u>	<u>\$ 872</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,642</u>

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NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

	2010			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Computer equipment	\$ 28,275	\$ 1,999	\$ -	\$ 30,274
Furniture and fixtures	<u>20,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,190</u>
Total capital assets	<u>48,465</u>	<u>1,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,464</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Computer equipment	(23,729)	(1,271)	-	(25,000)
Furniture and fixtures	<u>(16,533)</u>	<u>(1,161)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,694)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(40,262)</u>	<u>(2,432)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,694)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 8,203</u>	<u>\$ (433)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,770</u>

NOTE 4 - DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN

The Corporation contributes to the West Virginia Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board. Chapter 5, Article 10 of the West Virginia State Code assigns the authority to establish and amend benefits provisions to the PERS Board of Trustees. Employees who retire at or after age 60 with five or more years of contributory service or who retire at or after age 55 and have completed 25 years of credited service are eligible for retirement benefits as established by State statute. Retirement benefits are payable monthly for life, in the form of a straight-line annuity equal to two percent of the employee's final average salary multiplied by the number of years of the employee's credited service at the time of retirement. PERS also provides deferred retirement, early retirement, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for PERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building Five, Charleston, West Virginia 25305 or by calling (304) 558-3570.

FUNDING POLICY – The PERS funding policy has been established by action of the State Legislature. State statute requires that plan participants contribute 4.5% of compensation. The current combined contribution rate is 17% of annual covered payroll, including the Corporation's contribution of 12.5% which is established by PERS. Effective July 1, 2011, an increase in the contribution rate of 2% will raise the Corporation's contribution rate to 14.5%. Total contributions to PERS for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009 were \$47,741, \$42,836 and \$40,639, respectively, which consisted of \$35,104, \$30,400 and \$28,447 from the Corporation and \$12,637, \$12,436 and \$12,192 from the covered employees, respectively.

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NOTE 4 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Under the Plan guidelines, if an employee is hired by the Corporation and joins the Plan after they have been previously employed by another state agency, this employee has the ability to make a retroactive purchase of prior service time or "buy-back". Under the current contract with the West Virginia Public Defender Services office of the State of West Virginia, the Corporation will only fund the employer portion of such buy-backs on a case by case scenario after consideration by the West Virginia Public Defender Services. West Virginia Public Defender Services expressly declines to purchase retroactive service credit. For the years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, the Corporation did not authorize the employer portion of any buy-backs for Plan participants.

NOTE 5 - CONCENTRATIONS

The Corporation maintains its account balances in a local financial institution. The account is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The Corporation's bank balance at June 30, 2011 and 2010 was \$100,231 and \$158,041, respectively.

The Corporation receives virtually all of its funding from West Virginia Public Defender Services. A significant reduction in this level of support would have a significant adverse effect on the Corporation.

NOTE 6 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of long term obligation transactions for the Corporation for the years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010:

	2011				
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>
Long term liabilities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 30,358	\$ 2,590	\$ -	\$ 32,948	\$ 32,948
Total long term liabilities	<u>\$ 30,358</u>	<u>\$ 2,590</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 32,948</u>	<u>\$ 32,948</u>

	2010				
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>
Long term liabilities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 26,806	\$ 3,552	\$ -	\$ 30,358	\$ 30,358
Total long term liabilities	<u>\$ 26,806</u>	<u>\$ 3,552</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 30,358</u>	<u>\$ 30,358</u>

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 and 2010

NOTE 7 - CONTINGENCIES

The Corporation is on a reimbursement plan with the State of West Virginia, Workforce WV, Unemployment Compensation Division, (Workforce) whereby they no longer pay quarterly premiums. When a liability arises regarding the payment of unemployment, the Corporation will be assessed 100% of the awarded claim filed and payment to Workforce would be made at that time. Any liability arising from the dismissal of employment is uncertain at this time; however, management believes such amounts if any to be immaterial.

The Corporation's programs are funded from state sources, principal of which is programs of the West Virginia Public Defender Services. State grants received for specific purposes are subject to audit and review by grantor agencies. Such audits and reviews could result in requests for reimbursements to grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grants. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by grantor agencies cannot be determined at this time, although management believes such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 8 - CASH HELD AT FISCAL YEAR END

At June 30, 2011 and 2010, the Corporation held cash and cash equivalents of \$90,523 and \$155,834, respectively, consisting of unexpended West Virginia Public Defender Service grant funds. West Virginia Public Defender Services considered this amount in determining the appropriate level of disbursements in the succeeding fiscal year necessary to fund the Corporation's normal operating activities.



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Honorable Members of the Board  
Public Defender Corporation  
for the Eighth Judicial Circuit  
Welch, West Virginia

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of the Public Defender Corporation for the Eighth Judicial Circuit for the year ended June 30, 2011 appears on pages 1 and 2. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of budget to actual expenses – cash basis is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basis financial statements taken as a whole.

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August 31, 2011

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SCHEDULE OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Under/(Over) Budget to <u>Actual</u>
Personal services	\$ 289,832	\$ 284,862	\$ 4,970
Employee benefits	75,746	71,140	4,606
Support services	50,549	24,313	26,236
Administrative services	7,932	3,364	4,568
Office	30,575	26,936	3,639
Other	2,800	156	2,644
Acquisitions	<u>12,000</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>8,250</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 469,434</u>	 <u>\$ 414,521</u>	 <u>\$ 54,913</u>



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### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Members of the Board  
Public Defender Corporation  
for the Eighth Judicial Circuit  
Welch, West Virginia

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Public Defender Corporation for the Eighth Judicial Circuit (the "Corporation"), a component unit of the State of West Virginia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies, resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Corporation's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

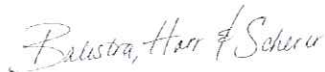
Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Corporation's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters, we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Corporation's management in a separate letter dated August 31, 2011.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the Public Defender Corporation for the Eighth Judicial Circuit Board of Directors, management of the Corporation, West Virginia Public Defender Corporation, and state awarding agencies. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



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August 31, 2011





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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, applicable to financial audits, we have audited the financial statements of the Public Defender Corporation for the Eighth Judicial Circuit (the Corporation) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2011.

Government Auditing Standards also requires that we describe the scope of our testing of compliance with laws and regulations and internal controls and report any irregularities, illegal acts, other material noncompliance and significant deficiencies in internal controls. We have issued the required report dated August 31, 2011 for the year ended June 30, 2011.

We are submitting for your consideration the following comments on the Corporation's compliance with applicable laws and regulations and on its internal controls. These comments reflect matters that, while in our opinion do not represent material instances of noncompliance or significant internal control deficiencies, we believe represent matters for which improvements in compliance or internal controls or operational efficiencies might be achieved. Due to the limited nature of our audit, we have not fully assessed the cost-benefit relationship of implementing the recommendations suggested below. However, these comments reflect our continuing desire to assist your government. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Non Compliance**

1. According to WV Code Section 29-21-15 (b), the board of directors shall have at least four meetings a year. Due to the busy schedules of the attorneys on the board, the Corporation only held three meetings during the audit period.

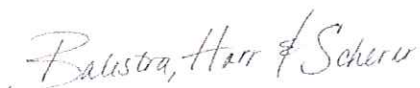
We recommend that the Board of Directors establish a regular meeting schedule that includes at least four meetings annually and two alternate dates in order to comply with the West Virginia Code. If a scheduled meeting cannot be conducted due to lack of a quorum, a replacement meeting should be scheduled. In addition, the minutes from these meetings should be prepared in a timely manner to ensure that documentation is maintained for all meetings held.

### Recommendations

1. The Chief Defender and the Office Manager are not bonded. While it is not a legal requirement, it is a protective measure for the Public Defender Corporation, the Chief Defender, and the Office Manager in the event that an act of fraud or theft occurs.

The Corporation should bond the Chief Defender and the Office Manager are bonded at an amount determined by the Board of Directors.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Public Defender Corporation for the Eighth Judicial Circuit Board of Directors, management of the Corporation, West Virginia Public Defender Corporation, and state awarding agencies. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.  
August 31, 2011