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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the Years Ended June 30, 2012 and 2011  
Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2012 and 2011

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Members of the Board  
Public Defender Corporation  
First Judicial Circuit  
Wheeling, West Virginia

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Public Defender Corporation for the First Judicial Circuit (the "Corporation"), a component unit of the State of West Virginia as of and for the years ended June 30, 2012 and 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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, 2012 and 2011, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years 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 September 14, 2012, 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*

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.  
September 14, 2012

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2012 AND 2011  
(Unaudited)

This discussion and analysis of the Public Defender Corporation of the First 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, 2012 and 2011, and identifies changes in the Corporation's financial position.

**Overview of Basis 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 and 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>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Assets			
Capital assets	\$ 84,971	\$ 87,004	\$ 90,040
Other assets	541,302	315,736	238,156
Total assets	<u>\$ 626,273</u>	<u>\$ 402,740</u>	<u>\$ 328,196</u>
Liabilities			
Long-term liabilities	\$ 325,800	\$ 271,164	\$ 236,083
Short-term liabilities	133,104	109,956	96,826
Total liabilities	<u>458,904</u>	<u>381,120</u>	<u>332,909</u>
Net Assets (Deficit)			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	84,971	18,466	21,502
Unrestricted (deficit)	82,398	3,154	(26,215)
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 626,273</u>	<u>\$ 402,740</u>	<u>\$ 328,196</u>

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The Corporation's revenues are primarily 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, 2012, 2011 and 2010.

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Operating revenue	\$ 1,391,525	\$ 1,222,502	\$ 1,093,814
Operating expenses	<u>1,242,619</u>	<u>1,192,127</u>	<u>1,166,519</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 148,906</u>	<u>\$ 30,375</u>	<u>\$ (72,705)</u>
Nonoperating revenue	\$ 151	\$ 270	\$ 189
Nonoperating expense	<u>3,308</u>	<u>4,312</u>	<u>2,680</u>
Change in net assets	<u>145,749</u>	<u>26,333</u>	<u>(75,196)</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>21,620</u>	<u>(4,713)</u>	<u>70,483</u>
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ 167,369</u>	<u>\$ 21,620</u>	<u>\$ (4,713)</u>

**Detailed Financial Analysis of the Corporation**

Cash held by the Corporation increased by approximately \$226,000 due to unexpended funds not used to pay the other post-employment benefit liability and increased funding from the WVPDS. Total capital assets decreased slightly due to depreciation. Other post-employment benefit liability, included in long term liabilities, increased by approximately \$117,000 due to the Corporation accruing fiscal year 2012 post-employment benefit amount.

Operating revenue for the fiscal year increased by approximately \$169,000, due to increased funding from WVPDS.

Operating expenses for the fiscal year increased by approximately \$50,000. This increase is attributable to an increase in personal services expense of approximately \$18,000 due to corporation incurring an extra pay period during current fiscal year as compared to the prior fiscal year and an increase in employee benefits of approximately \$31,000 due to an increase in the post-employment benefit liability. All other expenses remained consistent with the prior fiscal year.

**Capital Asset and Debt Activity**

As of June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Corporation had capital assets amounting to approximately \$229,000. The Corporation's capital assets include a building, land, furniture, fixtures and computer equipment. The assets were being depreciated over useful lives of three to thirty-nine years. The accumulated depreciation on the assets amounted to approximately \$144,000, \$142,000 and \$139,000, respectively. There were no disposals during the current year.

Purchases of capital assets for the years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 totaled approximately \$0-, \$0- and \$88,000, respectively.

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During 2009 the Corporation signed a promissory note for \$78,000 at 6% to purchase land and a building to house the Weirton office. Repayment is to occur over 120 months beginning January 2010 at \$866 per month including interest, to be paid in full December 2019. Prepayment must be agreed upon in writing by both parties of the agreement. Total payments including interest during the fiscal year amounted to approximately \$72,000. During fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the corporation paid the complete principal balance of the note.

More detailed information is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**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 .10%. Interest earned on the accounts for the years ended June 30, 2012, 2011 and 2010 amounted to approximately \$151, \$270 and \$190, 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, 2013. 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, 2013, the Corporation had an approved budget of \$1,208,923. This represents a budget increase of approximately \$42,000 from the prior year. This increase is attributable to budget increases for all line items. 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 P.O. Box 347, 505 Board of Trade Building, 80 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Wheeling, WV, 26003.

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2012 and 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 535,042	\$ 308,624
Prepaid Expenses	6,260	7,112
Total current assets	<u>541,302</u>	<u>315,736</u>
Capital assets		
Land	17,600	17,600
Building	70,400	70,400
Computer Equipment	52,114	52,114
Furniture and fixtures	89,224	89,224
	<u>229,338</u>	<u>229,338</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(144,367)</u>	<u>(142,334)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>84,971</u>	<u>87,004</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 626,273</u>	<u>\$ 402,740</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,610
Accrued expenses	43,873	35,032
Compensated absences	88,091	66,859
Current portion of long term debt	-	6,455
Total current liabilities	<u>133,104</u>	<u>109,956</u>
Long term liabilities		
Long term debt, net of current portion	-	62,083
Other post employment benefit liability	325,800	209,081
Total long term liabilities	<u>325,800</u>	<u>271,164</u>
Total liabilities	<u>458,904</u>	<u>381,120</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	84,971	18,466
Unrestricted	82,398	3,154
Total net assets	<u>\$ 167,369</u>	<u>\$ 21,620</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  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012 and 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Operating revenues		
West Virginia Public Defender Services Grant Revenue	\$ 1,391,525	\$ 1,222,502
	<u>1,391,525</u>	<u>1,222,502</u>
Operating expenses		
Personal services	739,322	721,793
Employee benefits	393,141	362,066
Support services	9,820	8,120
Administrative support	18,622	19,910
Office	62,635	59,996
Other	3,687	4,374
Acquisition	13,359	12,832
Depreciation	2,033	3,036
Total operating expenses	<u>1,242,619</u>	<u>1,192,127</u>
Operating income	148,906	30,375
Nonoperating revenues		
Interest income	151	270
Interest expense	(3,308)	(4,312)
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>(3,157)</u>	<u>(4,042)</u>
Change in Net Assets	145,749	26,333
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>21,620</u>	<u>(4,713)</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 167,369</u>	<u>\$ 21,620</u>

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PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2012 and 2011

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from grants	\$ 1,391,525	\$ 1,222,502
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(107,741)	(107,139)
Cash paid to employees	(985,671)	(1,028,863)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>298,113</u>	<u>86,500</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Cash received as interest	151	270
Cash paid as interest	(3,308)	(4,312)
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(3,157)</u>	<u>(4,042)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Cash payments on long term debt	(68,538)	(6,080)
Net cash used by financing activities	<u>(68,538)</u>	<u>(6,080)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	226,418	76,378
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>308,624</u>	<u>232,246</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 535,042</u>	<u>\$ 308,624</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 148,906	\$ 30,375
Adjustments:		
Depreciation	2,033	3,036
Decrease (increase) in operating assets		
Other assets	852	(1,202)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities		
Accounts payable	(470)	(705)
Accrued expenses	8,841	5,781
Compensated absences	21,232	7,679
Other post employment benefit liability	116,719	41,536
Total adjustments	<u>149,207</u>	<u>56,125</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 298,113</u>	<u>\$ 86,500</u>

The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part Of These Financial Statements

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

The Public Defender Corporation for the First 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 91% of the Corporation’s revenues are utilized for program related purposes and 9% 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.

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, net of related debt

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.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include a building, land, furniture, fixtures and computer 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 thirty-nine years. The Corporation's capitalization threshold is \$1,000. Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$2,033 and \$3,036, respectively.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Compensated Absences and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Effective July 1, 2007, the Corporation adopted GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This statement provides standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of other postemployment benefit (“OPEB”) expenditures, assets, and liabilities, including applicable note disclosures and required supplementary information. During fiscal year 2006, House Bill No. 4654 was established to create a trust fund for postemployment benefits for the State of West Virginia (the “State”). Effective July 1, 2007, the Corporation was required to participate in this multiple employer cost-sharing plan, the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund, sponsored by the State of West Virginia. The Plan provides the following retiree group insurance coverage to participants: medical and prescription drug coverage through a self-insured preferred provider benefit (PPB) plan and through external managed care organizations (MCOs), basic group life, accidental death, and prescription drug coverage for retired employees of the State and various related State and non-State agencies and their dependents. Details regarding this plan can be obtained by contacting Public Employees Insurance Agency (“PEIA”), State Capitol Complex, Building 5, Room 1001, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston WV 25305-0710 or <http://www.wvpeia.com>.

This statement requires entities to accrue for employees’ rights to receive compensation for vacation leave, or payments in lieu of accrued vacation or sick leave, as such benefits are earned and payment becomes probable.

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 20 days per year, and employees with more than 10 years of full-time employment during any continuous period of 10 years or more, earn 25 days per year. Employees vest in a maximum of 35 days of unused vacation leave which is paid at the time of separation of employment.

Also, the Corporation grants sick leave based on time worked. Full-time employees earn 20 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 liability is now provided for under the multiple employer cost-sharing plan sponsored by the State.

The estimated expense and expense incurred for the vacation leave and OPEB benefits are recorded as a component of employee benefits on the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets. OPEB costs are accrued based upon invoices received from RHBT Trust Fund based upon actuarial determined amounts. At June 30, 2012 and 2011, the noncurrent liability related to OPEB cost was \$325,800 and \$209,081, respectively. The total OPEB expense incurred was \$116,719 and \$101,882, respectively which is included as a component of employee benefit expense. As of the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, there were no retirees receiving these benefits.

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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 thru a third party insurance company. Any loss in excess of the \$1,000,000 policy limit will be the responsibility of the Corporation.

In addition, through its participation in the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) and a third-party insurer, 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 PEIA and the third-party insurer, 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.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of capital asset transactions for the Corporation for the year ended June 30, 2012:

	2012			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 17,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,600
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	70,400	-	-	70,400
Computer Equipment	52,114	-	-	52,114
Furniture and fixtures	89,224	-	-	89,224
Total capital assets	<u>229,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,338</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(2,935)	(1,805)	-	(4,740)
Computer equipment	(52,114)	-	-	(52,114)
Furniture and fixtures	(87,285)	(228)	-	(87,513)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(142,334)</u>	<u>(2,033)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(144,367)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 87,004</u>	<u>\$ (2,033)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 84,971</u>

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NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

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

	2011			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 17,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,600
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	70,400	-	-	70,400
Computer Equipment	52,114	-	-	52,114
Furniture and fixtures	89,224	-	-	89,224
Total capital assets	<u>229,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,338</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(1,130)	(1,805)	-	(2,935)
Computer equipment	(51,111)	(1,003)	-	(52,114)
Furniture and fixtures	(87,057)	(228)	-	(87,285)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(139,298)</u>	<u>(3,036)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(142,334)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 90,040</u>	<u>\$ (3,036)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 87,004</u>

NOTE 4 - DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN

The Corporation contributes to the West Virginia Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer 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.

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NOTE 4 - DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

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 19% of annual covered payroll, including the Corporation's contribution of 14.5% which is established by PERS. Effective July 1, 2012, a decrease in the contribution rate of 0.5% will lower the Corporation's contribution rate to 14%. Total contributions to PERS for the years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010 were \$130,674, \$119,362 and \$105,568, respectively, which consisted of \$98,867, \$87,766 and \$74,919 from the Corporation and \$31,807, \$31,596 and \$30,649 from the covered employees, respectively.

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, 2012 and 2011, 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 accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 and insured by collateral held by the bank for any remaining balance held by the corporation. The Corporation's bank balance at June 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$549,730 and \$314,695, 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.

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NOTE 6 - LONG TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of long term obligation transactions for the Corporation for the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011:

	2012				
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>
Long term liabilities:					
Note Payable	\$ 68,538	\$ -	\$ 68,538	\$ -	\$ -
Other post employment benefit liability	209,081	116,719	-	325,800	-
Compensated absences	<u>66,859</u>	<u>21,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,091</u>	<u>88,091</u>
Total long term liabilities	<u>\$ 344,478</u>	<u>\$ 137,951</u>	<u>\$ 68,538</u>	<u>\$ 413,891</u>	<u>\$ 88,091</u>
	2011				
	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Current Portion</u>
Long term liabilities:					
Note Payable	\$ 74,618	\$ -	\$ 6,080	\$ 68,538	\$ 6,455
Other post employment benefit liability	167,545	101,882	60,346	209,081	-
Compensated absences	<u>59,180</u>	<u>7,679</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,859</u>	<u>66,859</u>
Total long term liabilities	<u>\$ 301,343</u>	<u>\$ 109,561</u>	<u>\$ 66,426</u>	<u>\$ 344,478</u>	<u>\$ 73,314</u>

The Corporation purchased land and a building in 2009 for \$88,000 of which \$78,000 was financed and is payable to Anthony and Robin Viola. This note carries an interest rate of 6%. The Corporation paid remaining principal of the note in fiscal year 2012.

NOTE 7 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Corporation leases copiers and a facility under operating lease agreements. Aggregate payments under these agreements were \$21,280 and \$21,280 for the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011. Future minimum rental commitments are as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
June 30, 2012	<u>\$ 21,006</u>

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NOTE 8 - 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 9 - CASH HELD AT FISCAL YEAR END

At June 30, 2012 and 2011, the Corporation held cash and cash equivalents of \$535,042 and \$308,624, respectively, consisting of unexpended West Virginia Public Defender Service grant funds. West Virginia Public Defender Services considered this amount in determining 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 First Judicial Circuit  
Wheeling, West Virginia

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of the Public Defender Corporation for the First Judicial Circuit for the year ended June 30, 2012 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 provides additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule is management's responsibility, and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. This schedule was subject to the auditing procedures we applied to the basic financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling this information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepared the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs*

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.  
September 14, 2012

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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 SCHEDULE OF BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Under/(Over) Budget to <u>Actual</u>
Personal services	\$ 728,786	\$ 718,090	\$ 10,696
Employee benefits	304,562	267,581	36,981
Support services	18,327	9,820	8,507
Administrative services	20,200	18,622	1,578
Office	67,200	62,253	4,947
Other	5,150	3,687	1,463
Acquisitions	<u>22,300</u>	<u>13,359</u>	<u>8,941</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 1,166,525</u>	 <u>\$ 1,093,412</u>	 <u>\$ 73,113</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 First Judicial Circuit  
Wheeling, West Virginia

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Public Defender Corporation for the First Judicial Circuit (the "Corporation"), a component unit of the State of West Virginia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated September 14, 2012. 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. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. We consider finding 2012-01 to be a significant deficiency. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 a certain matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Corporation's management in a separate letter dated September 14, 2012.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the Public Defender Corporation for the First 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*

Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.  
September 14, 2012

PUBLIC DEFENDER CORPORATION  
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**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

**Finding 2012-01**

**Significant Deficiency – Reporting**

The Corporation failed to provide proper financial statements to the auditors for audit. The Corporation did not present an MD&A, properly classified financial statements, footnotes, or the schedule of budget to actual expenses. Adjustments were made to the financial statements which should have been prevented or detected by the Corporation's internal controls over financial reporting. The misstatements were identified in the following areas:

- Accrued OPEB Liability
- Compensated Absences
- Interest Expense

The accompanying financial statements were adjusted to reflect the correction of the misstatements. The Corporation should implement monitoring controls over financial reporting to ensure that all financial statement transactions are accurately and completely reported.

**Client Response:**

We did not receive a response from the client regarding the above finding.

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 SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
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<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Finding Summary</b>	<b>Fully Corrected?</b>	<b>Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:</b>
2011-01	Significant Deficiency Reporting	No	Not corrected, reissued as 2012-01.