

Due Process Screening Committee Meeting  
May 25, 2005  
ISBE – Springfield Office

Members in attendance:

Kathy Lyons, Chairperson  
Dr. Margie Jobe  
Dr. Christopher Koch  
Terri Devine

Others in attendance:

Andy Eulass, ISBE Due Process Coordinator  
Nancy Hablutzel, Due Process Hearing Officer  
Ann Breen-Greco, Due Process Hearing Officer  
Carolyn Ann Smaron, Due Process Hearing Officer

The meeting was convened at 10:37 a.m. After a review of the draft minutes for the Screening Committee Meeting of May 3, 2005, several modifications were discussed. Dr. Koch motioned and Dr. Jobe seconded to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee then discussed the orientation for hearing officer candidates held from May 16-20 at the Law School of Southern Illinois University. Andy Eulass reported that the orientation went very well and that the hearing officer candidates had dispatched themselves well during the course of the week. Mr. Eulass then presented the following names to be recommended for contracts as active hearing officers from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006:

Kristine Anderson  
Susan Cox  
Janet Kidd  
Jeff Plesko  
Mary Schwartz  
Alfred Spitzzeri

Dr. Koch motioned to accept the recommendations and to forward the names to ISAC for ratification. Dr. Jobe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Committee then considered the designation of some of the hearing officer candidates to serve in a reserve pool. The following individuals were recommended for designation to the reserve pool in the following order:

- 1) Yvette Sanders
- 2) Robert Lehrer

- 3) Linda Mastandrea
- 4) Joan Grossman
- 5) Nila Grahl

Dr. Koch motioned to accept the recommended candidates in the order presented and Dr. Jobe seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Terri Devine further noted with the agreement of the entire Committee that all the candidates were excellent choices and that none of the decisions made were a negative reflection on their individual skills and abilities.

The Committee then discussed three separate complaints against hearing officers that had recently been filed with ISBE. The Committee agreed that two of the three complaints involved matters that were properly the subject of a request for court-review, rather than for a complaint. The Committee opted to table further discussion about the third complaint until its next meeting in early June.

The Committee finally turned to a discussion of the scheduling of its next meeting, which was to take place either on June 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> at the O'Hare Campus of DePaul University in Des Plaines, IL. The Committee discussed several possible time slots and ultimately tabled deciding on a final date and time. Andy Eulass agreed to circulate an email to the entire Committee to canvas for times to meet.

Chris Koch indicated that he needed to leave. Due to his departure, the Committee no longer had a quorum to do business and the meeting closed at 11:18 a.m.