



Protection Order Committee

Judicial Conference of Indiana

Meeting Minutes from 2024

January 26, 2024

12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Remote via Teams

Attendance:

Hon. Jonathan Brown; Mag. Michael Douglass; Hon. Danielle Gaughan; Mag. Melinda Jackman-Hanlin; Hon. Mary Margaret Lloyd, Chair; Hon. Bruce MacTavish; Mag. Patricia McMath; Hon. Kristen McVey; Mag. Katie Melnick; Christopher Nancarrow
Staff: Melissa Arvin, Carl Cowan, Erskine Reeves, Annette Page, Tom Jones

October 2023 minutes approved.

Senate Bill 130—discussion was had surrounding the language of the bill but the legislation was dead by the timing of the meeting so the bill was no longer a concern.

Legislation:

Several forms/orders and the instructions on the PO website will need to be updated with new language to reflect the new statute. Magistrate Douglass will start on updating the forms.

Updates for IOCT:

Protection Order registry will be updated by the end of January/beginning of February.

Updates to Forms:

- IOCT: Add Caution and Medical Information—just for LEO to mark but not for petitioners, Hamilton County uses the queue to write a note to send to HCSO for service
- Suggestions from Judges:
 - Whether protected children are Respondent's – Due to the difficulty of determining which of the children listed on a PO form are the Respondent's children, the Committee recommends a box on the confidential form: Respondent's Child.
- **Default Settings** - for family and household members should be set to 'allow contact' not 'deny contact.'
- **Contact with Protected Person, Household Members, and Especially Children** — Cover sheet was designed to let law enforcement know who is in the household.
- **Pets**—Pets will be auto populated from petition to be included in the order.

- **Money** – New orders will include a box indicating that fines and costs will be reduced to a civil judgment.

Next Meetings:

Meeting dates and times (usually 4th Friday of month):

May 31, 2024

Oct. 25, 2024—IN PERSON