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Memorandum

TO: Hamilton County Residents

From: Commissioner Chris Monzel *CRM*

DATE: April 23, 2014

RE: Public Defender Commission

Commissioners have the responsibility to appoint members to several Boards and Commissions, providing oversight to many important organizations and initiatives in Hamilton County. One of these Boards, the **Hamilton County Public Defender Commission, has positions open for two (2) board members.**

I invite you to consider applying to be a member on this Board which serves as the primary entity to appoint the Hamilton County Public Defender and sets the general operational policy for the office. The Public Defender assesses indigency, subject to review of the Court, and the staff provides legal and administrative services that ensure effective representation in criminal and family law matters.

The Public Defender Commission shall have five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), and two by the presiding judge of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. At least one member appointed by each of these appointing bodies shall be an attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio. Meetings shall be held at least quarterly and at such other times as called by the chairperson or by request of the County Public Defender.

Terms of office shall be for four (4) years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term which it succeeds. Each member shall hold office from the date of his/her appointment until the end of the term for which he/she was appointed. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his/her predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of his term until his successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

Members may receive an amount fixed by the County Commissioner's, not in excess of the amounts set for the members of the OH Public Defender Commission pursuant to ORC Section 124.14 per diem, and necessary expenses including mileage for each mile traveled.

I encourage all interested residents to apply to serve on this important Board. **At this time there are openings for two (2) board members, terms to expire July 1, 2018.**

To apply, download the application here:

http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/boards_commissions/forms/application.asp

Fax, email or mail your completed application along with a resume to:

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The deadline to apply for the Hamilton County Public Defender Commission is Friday, May 23, 2014.

For more information on this Board or any other County Boards and Commissions, visit the County's website:

http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/boards_commissions/Default.asp or feel free to contact my office at (513) 946-4409

Thank you for your interest in serving Hamilton County.