

IDC Strategic Plan Review



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Strategic Plan Components

Promote full-time managing defenders

Funding renewed annually unless there is a monitoring issue

Strategy for proportional spending

Assess quality representation

Shared responsibility between state and local governments

Managing Defenders

- No or reduced caseloads
- Authority over contractors

Before Plan

Salt Lake
Utah
Weber/Morgan
Davis
Juab/Millard/Sanpete

Since Plan

Cache/Box Elder
Carbon
Grand

Possible Improvements

Southern Utah Managing Defender

Grant Renewals

Goal:

Funding is renewed annually, indefinitely unless there is a monitoring issue.

Measurement:

- 1) Establishing a specific definition for "monitoring issue"
- 2) Outlining a process and protocols to respond to a monitoring issue.

Outcome:

IDC has implemented Grant Monitoring Procedures and Guidelines

Since implementation in November 2023, IDC staff has conducted 9 system site visits and has found no major findings.

Innovation Grants

Measurement:

A process and strategy for pilot program track funding will be developed by the end of year three.

Outcome:

Using nonmapping funds, IDC was able to award multiple innovation grants in 2023. One of which was the basis for SB157 - NonJudicial Adjustment Amendments

completed!

Fair and Equitable Distribution

Measurement:

A workgroup will be formed to develop a strategy for what fair and equitable distribution of resources by county will look like across the state by the end of year one of the strategic plan.

Outcome:

While the IDC staff has collected relevant data, a workgroup has yet to be formed.

Quality Representation

Measurement:

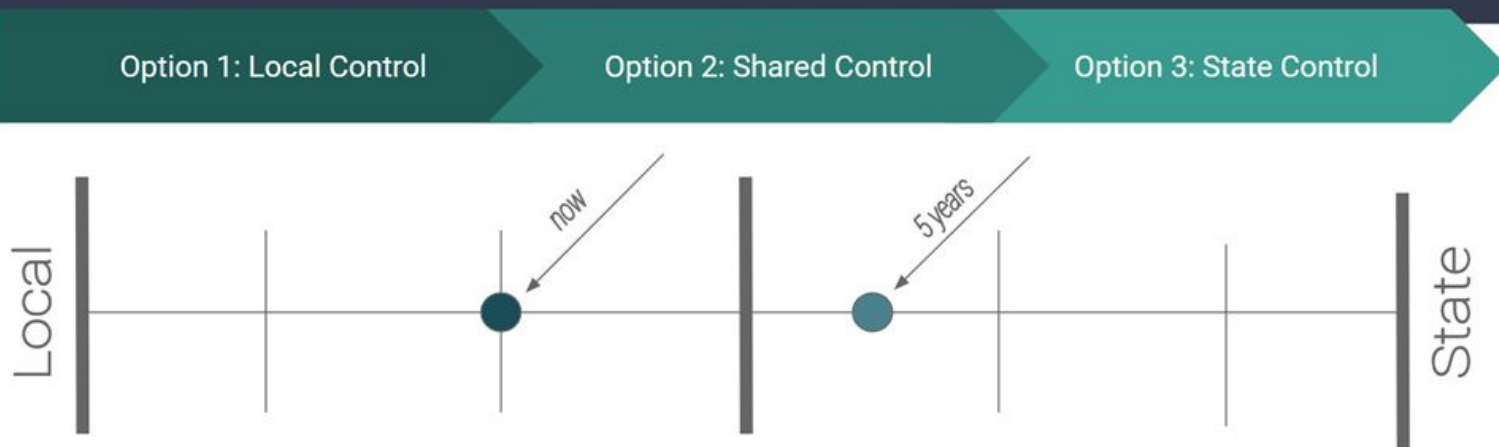
Development of a checklist in consultation with Managing Defenders who will use them as a review tool with attorneys.

Outcome:

Staff has been working with Managing Defenders and anticipate the checklist to be completed within 30 days.

State Responsibility

Indigent defense systems across the country fall along a spectrum



Elements: standards, grant program, training program, managed assigned counsel (attorney manager of contracts), specialized offices (juvenile, parental defense, appeals), state public defender office

State Responsibility

Measure: cumulative number of measures completed across entirety of the strategic plan

Successes:

- Checklist creation
- Increased CLE's
- Innovation Grant
- Grant Monitoring Procedure

Next Steps:

- Grant Distribution Workgroup
- Regional Manager

Discussion

