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To: Montana Public Defender Commission  
From: Kristina Neal, Conflict Coordinator  
RE: Report to the Commission

### UPDATES

Conflict cases: For the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, I have appointed counsel in slightly more than 1,700 cases or an average of 582 cases per month. At the same time comparison for last fiscal year (July 1-September 30, 2015), I had appointed counsel in 1,596 cases, or an increase in approximately 150 cases. I have attached a copy of a report of the case counts from the first quarter of this fiscal year and the first quarter of last fiscal year. The increase has been predominately in youth in need of care cases, which grew by 139 appointments.

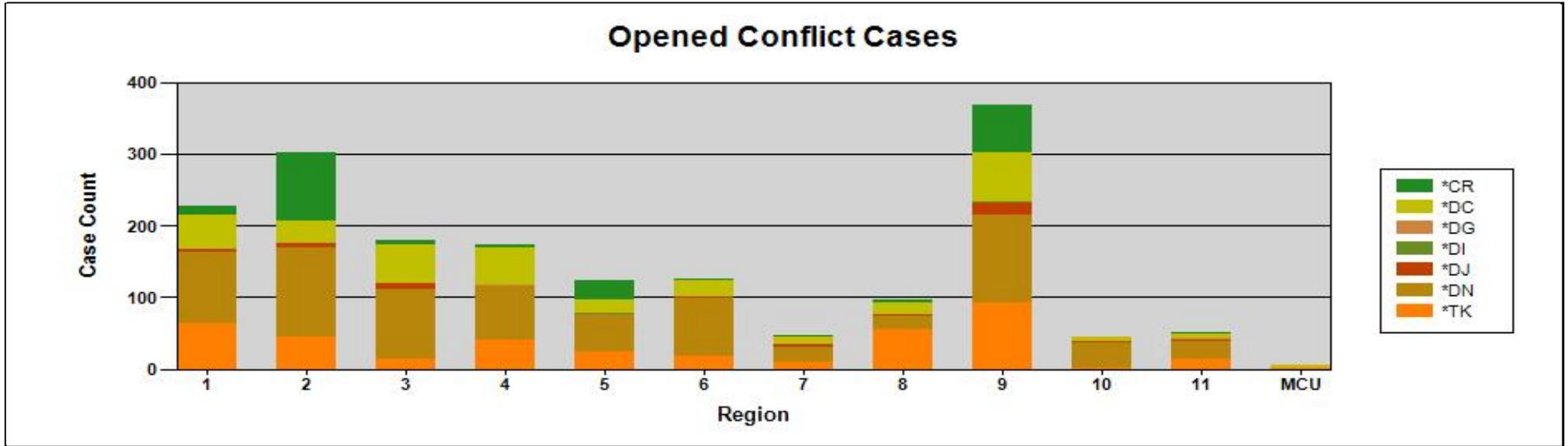
Staffing Update: My program is staffed by 9.5 FTE; myself, 7.5 assistant public defenders, and one support staff. I have two assistant public defenders in Missoula, two in Great Falls, three in Billings, and a half-time position in Helena. Program 3 utilizes the same case weighting and time tracking systems as Program 1. Marsha Parr provides me monthly updates in which I can evaluate whether the attorneys in Program 3 are entering their time into the case management system in a timely fashion.

Training Update: Several attorneys from Program 3 took advantage of the Montana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MTACDL) training offered in Chico this past March, and the DUI training by MTACDL in Billings this summer. Additionally, Lisa Kauffman was selected for a scholarship, through the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, to attend a three-day forensic evidence training in Las Vegas in June. She followed-up this training with a five-day intensive forensic training in New York City. Lisa will be offering a presentation at the OPD annual conference to share the knowledge she acquired.



# Office of the State Public Defender: OPD Opened Conflict Cases by Type Report

Period from: 7/1/2016 through 9/30/2016

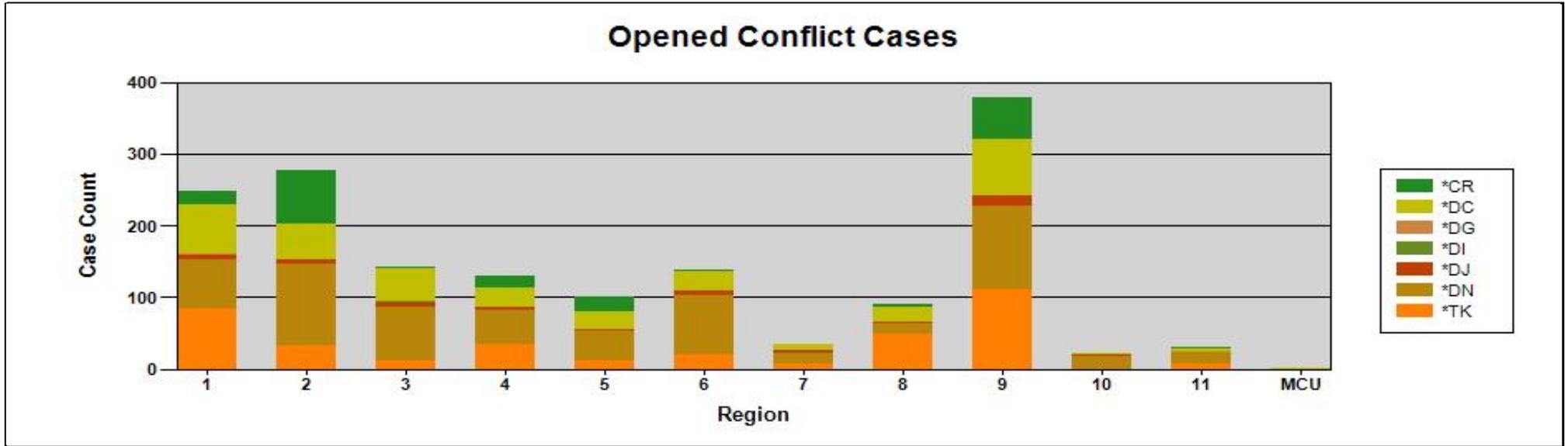


	*CR	*DC	*DG	*DI	*DJ	*DN	*TK	Total
Regional Office, Region 1	12	47	0	0	5	99	64	227
Regional Office, Region 2	97	30	0	0	7	125	44	303
Regional Office, Region 3	5	55	0	0	8	97	14	179
Regional Office, Region 4	5	52	1	0	0	76	40	174
Regional Office, Region 5	28	18	0	2	0	51	25	124
Regional Office, Region 6	2	23	0	0	2	81	18	126
Regional Office, Region 7	2	11	0	0	3	21	10	47
Regional Office, Region 8	3	17	0	0	2	18	56	96
Regional Office, Region 9	67	69	0	1	17	122	93	369
Regional Office, Region 10	0	5	0	0	3	34	2	44
Regional Office, Region 11	2	8	1	0	1	26	14	52
Major Crime Unit	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>1,746</b>



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Period from: 7/1/2015 through 9/30/2015



	*CR	*DC	*DG	*DI	*DJ	*DN	*TK	Total
Regional Office, Region 1	20	67	1	0	8	69	84	249
Regional Office, Region 2	76	49	0	0	7	114	32	278
Regional Office, Region 3	2	46	0	1	6	75	12	142
Regional Office, Region 4	15	28	0	0	3	48	35	129
Regional Office, Region 5	20	26	0	0	1	42	12	101
Regional Office, Region 6	1	28	0	0	7	82	21	139
Regional Office, Region 7	0	8	0	0	3	15	8	34
Regional Office, Region 8	4	21	0	0	3	13	50	91
Regional Office, Region 9	57	79	0	0	14	117	111	378
Regional Office, Region 10	0	2	0	0	1	20	0	23
Regional Office, Region 11	1	5	0	0	0	16	8	30
Major Crime Unit	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>1,596</b>