Post-implementation 120-day Collection Rate Review

McLennan County

The Office of Court Administration has completed a Post-implementation Collection Rate (PICR) Review of the County's Court Collection Program. The objective of this review was to determine the 120-day collection rate of court costs, fees, and fines pursuant to Article 103.0033(f) of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The review covers the County's Fiscal Year 2016 (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016).

Please note: the PICR Review is not an audit and does not measure compliance with the Collection Improvement Program (CIP) requirements. The purpose of the review is to determine your 120-day collection rate since the implementation of your jurisdiction's CIP and is for informational purposes only.

As a result of the review, the following information was determined:

120-day Collection Rate	37.06%
Collections - first 30 days	31.45%
Collections - days 31 - 60	2.58%
Collections - days 61 – 90	1.53%
Collections - days 91 – 120	1.62%

In addition, through the course of the review, the following information was obtained:

Percentage of jail time credit	16.59%
Percentage of community service credit	0.44%
Total percentage of court costs, fees, and fines satisfied	54.10%
Percentage of people that paid immediately	22.24%

OBJECTIVE, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

Objective

The PICR Review is conducted to determine the Collection Program's 120-day collection rate on court costs, fees, and fines assessed on persons who have been convicted of crimes within the courts served by the program.

The PICR Review is performed for informational purposes only, and the scope of work performed does not constitute an audit under Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. Further, the PICR Review does not measure compliance, and has no effect on the compliance requirements of Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 103.0033(j).

Scope

The scope of the review involves cases that were adjudicated in the County's Court during the county's fiscal year 2016 (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016).

Methodology

1. Obtained cases with convictions or deferrals for the review period. The County provided a list of 10,610 cases that met this description.

2. Calculated the sample size needed to produce a statistically valid, random sample at a 90% Confidence Rate with 10% Margin of Error. The calculation applied to a population of 10,610 records resulted in a sample size of 240 records.

3. Examined the 240 sampled cases to determine the assessment date of the case, and reviewed collections and credits information provided for the first 120 days after the assessment date. In addition, a determination was made as to whether the defendant paid the total amount assessed immediately upon becoming responsible for court cost, fee, and fines assessed.

4. Calculated an overall post-implementation collection rate pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 103.0033(f). The rate was calculated by dividing the total dollar amount collected in the first 120 days for the sampled cases by the total amount assessed for the sampled cases.

5. Calculated collection rates at 30-day intervals by dividing the total dollar amount collected during each interval for the sampled cases by the total amount assessed for the sampled cases.

6. Calculated rates for jail time credits, community service credits, and indigency waivers by dividing the total dollar amount for each type of credit for the sampled cases by the total amount assessed for the sampled cases.

7. Calculated the percentage of defendants who pay their total assessment of court costs, fees, and fines immediately by dividing the count of these defendants by the total number of cases in the sample (240).

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