

Attachment A

Soval Solutions, LLC will assist in the evaluation of the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office Social Worker initiative. The evaluation will involve several components.

- The primary purpose of the analysis will be to determine whether defendants with a Social Worker presence experience "better" outcomes than comparable defendants with out the assistance of a social worker. Measures of recidivism and other primary outcomes of interest will be examined.
- To test the effectiveness of the program, analysts would need to define recidivism, determine how to count jail-days saved.
- Defendants with the assistance of a social worker will be compared to two possible groups. First, outcomes for defendants would be compared to the outcomes for a similar set of defendants (based on charge and criminal history) by tracking both groups over the course of time. Second, outcomes for defendants with social worker assistance can be compared to historical cases without social worker assistance to determine whether outcomes differ between the two groups.
- Soval Solutions will work with the Public Defender's Office to identify relevant cases. Relevant cases will be defined as those on which the Social Worker spent a substantial amount of time finding resources for a defendant, connecting defendant with resources, and/or making sentencing recommendations.
- Soval Solutions will work with the Public Defender's Offices to identify those case where Lancaster County Community Corrections also has contact with the defendant. In such cases, Soval Solutions will account for the fact that Community Corrections is also providing services to the defendant.
- Soval Solutions will work ensure the proper collection and analysis of data. Data sources may include CJIS, NCJIS, and JUSTICE, as well as Public Defender data.

It is estimated that the analysis would take 150-200 hours over the course of one year. Soval Solutions will bill at a rate of \$90/hour.