



**INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES
Compliance Committee Meeting**

Minutes
January 20, 2010 · 3:00 p.m. EST

In Attendance

1. Summer Foxworth (CO) Commissioner, Chair
2. Nancy Allard (SD) Commissioner
3. Mark Boger (ME) Commissioner
4. Barbara Murray (AK) Commissioner
5. Mike Ruedisale (MI) Commissioner
6. Gloria Soja (MT) Designee
7. Ted Forrest (MI) Guest

8. Ashley Lippert (ICJ) Executive Director
9. Rick Masters (CSG) Legal Counsel
10. Jack Branum (ICJ) Project Manager
11. Ashley Matthews (ICJ) Administrative Assistant

Roll Call

- A. Lippert called the roll.
 - Six of nine committee members were present. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

- Chair Foxworth requested a motion to approve the agenda.
 - **M. Boger moved to approve the agenda, M. Ruedisale seconded. Motion approved.**

Approval of Minutes

- Chair Foxworth asked if there were any amendments to the minutes from the previous meeting. G. Soja noted that she is the Designee, not the Commissioner. Hearing no objection to the amended minutes, Chair Foxworth adopted the amended minutes without objection.

Discussion

- Chair Foxworth asked Executive Director Lippert for an update on Rhode Island's dues. A. Lippert talked with Brian Peterson, Financial Manager for the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Family Services, to confirm receipt of

- the letter from legal counsel. Mr. Peterson said the check was not signed off until January 15th causing a delay. Mr. Peterson indicated that the check was now going through the proper channels and it would be a quick process.
- A. Lippert said the 10 day deadline mentioned in the letter is Friday, January 29th.
 - **Chair Foxworth moved that the Committee recommend the Executive Committee pursue legal action against Rhode Island if the dues payment is not received by January 29th, G. Soja seconded. Motion approved.**
 - A. Lippert spoke with Virginia Commissioner Timothy Howard regarding the letter inquiry to verify news reports that a juvenile offender allegedly traveled outside the State of Virginia without proper notification to the Maryland juvenile officials. Commissioner Howard said that it was an isolated incident and looked into internally but was concerned by the Commission's approach to send a letter as opposed to a phone call and believed the letter to be too formal. His response would be a verbal one.
 - The Committee discussed this matter and options moving forward. Chair Foxworth suggested the Committee request Virginia submit an action plan outlining steps taken to ensure this type of incident does not occur again.
 - Chair Foxworth referred to the Guidelines for Resolving Compliance Issues (Policy 3-2009). The Committee agreed that the initial letter of inquiry fell under the Level One procedures; R. Masters suggested the Committee move into Level Two which includes assistance from an appropriate Committee.
 - **Chair Foxworth moved that a letter be sent to Virginia notifying them that the Committee has opened an inquiry into this matter and is requesting written documentation of the case and corrective action steps, M. Boger seconded. Motion approved.**
 - A. Lippert, R. Masters, and Chair Foxworth will work together to compose the letter. The Committee agreed to give Virginia 30 days to respond. M. Ruedisale suggested obtaining information from the Maryland Compact Office. The Committee agreed to send an inquiry letter to Maryland asking for information regarding this case.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

M. Ruedisale asked about the definition of "failed placement" because of a juvenile case sent from Michigan to Missouri. The Committee discussed this matter and the definition in question. M. Ruedisale will get with Commissioner Hawkins in Missouri to resolve this issue.

Adjourn

- Chair announced the next meeting will be on February 17th at 3 pm EST and adjourned the meeting.