



**INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES
Compliance Committee Meeting**

Minutes
March 19, 2015
2:30 p.m. EDT

Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Michael Lacy (WV) Commissioner, Chair
2. Summer Foxworth (CO) Commissioner
3. Jane Seigel (IN) Commissioner
4. Cindy McKenzie (MT) Commissioner
5. Mia Pressley (SC) Commissioner
6. Abbie Christian (NE) Ex-Officio

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

1. Karen King-Jones (KY) Commissioner
2. Angela Bridgewater (LA) Commissioner
3. Gloria Soja (MT) Designee

Guests in Attendance:

1. Rick Masters, Legal Counsel

National Office Staff and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
 2. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator
 3. Jenny Adkins, Project Manager
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Call to Order

- Chair Lacy called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. EDT.

Roll Call

- A. Lippert called the roll. Five *voting* members were present, establishing a quorum.

Agenda

- **J. Seigel (IN) made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Pressley (SC) seconded. The motion passed.**

Minutes

- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to approve the August 13, 2014 meeting minutes. C. McKenzie (MT) seconded. The motion passed.**

Discussion

Illinois Parole

- Chair Lacy reported on the ICJ Executive Committee directive to the Compliance Committee to review the prevailing issues that have come forward regarding the Illinois parole office.
- A. Lippert briefed on the series of events leading up to the directive by the Executive Committee. Wisconsin Commissioner Hagan requested assistance from the National Office in a letter dated February 3 to address a lack of responsiveness by the Illinois Parole Office to address ICJ cases. The National Office contacted Illinois Commissioner Candice Jones. Illinois provided two written responses to the issues outlined by the State of Wisconsin. In a letter dated February 10, Illinois addressed the specific cases Wisconsin sought assistance to resolve, as well as actions Illinois was taking to come in to compliance. In a second letter dated February 18, Illinois provided additional specifics regarding Illinois hiring practices which preempted their ability to secure adequate ICJ staff.
- The Compliance Committee discussed the extensive training, assistance, and onsite visits conducted over the course of last year as a result of Illinois' staff transition. A. Lippert briefed on the staff changes since the acceptance of their 2014 corrective action plan. S. Foxworth (CO) added Illinois is not complying with the States in Transition Policy now in effect.
- C. McKenzie (MT) questioned the deadlines and timeframes imposed last year. A. Lippert confirmed the plan of action did not specify deadlines. The Compliance Committee reviewed the multiple letters submitted last year between the National Office, Legal Counsel, and Illinois, as well as, the broad plan of action submitted by Illinois in a letter dated May 27, 2014. J. Seigel (IN) suggested that Illinois' current issues to be a continuation of last year's default. R. Masters advised that the default and sanctions from last year could be re-instated and modified.
- The Compliance Committee discussed and agreed that Illinois has failed to comply with the Compact. Illinois has been given sufficient amount of time and assistance to fulfill the 2014 action plan. The Compliance Committee agreed to reinstate the 2014 non-compliance as follows:
 - **Staffing:**
 - employ a permanent full-time ICJ staff and back-up staff
 - **ICJ Cases:**
 - make all ICJ cases current
 - respond to all cases in a timely manner
 - **Deadline Date:**
 - implement a plan of action by May 1, 2015
 - **Penalty:**
 - recommend the Executive Committee levy a \$25,000 penalty if Illinois fails to implement by May 1, 2015
 - **Authority:**
 - authorize Richard Masters, Legal Counsel, draft the letter to Illinois on behalf of ICJ
- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to find Illinois Parole in non-compliance of the Compact; to reinstate the 2014 corrective plan; to request the completion of each of the items outlined above in the areas of Staffing, ICJ Cases, Deadline Date, Penalty, and Authority. C. McKenzie (MT) seconded. The motion passed by a 5-0-0 vote.**

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourn

- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to adjourn. J. Seigel (IN) seconded. The motion passed. Chair Lacy adjourned the meeting 3:15 p.m. EDT.**