



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES
Compliance Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, April 24, 2013
11:00 a.m. EDT

Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Sharon Harrigfeld (ID) Commissioner, Chair
2. Barbara Murray (AK) Commissioner
3. Summer Foxworth (CO) Commissioner
4. Fred White (MA) Designee
5. Anne Connor (NV) Commissioner
6. Molli Davis (NV) Designee
7. Dale Dodd (NM) Commissioner
8. Randall Wagner (WV) Designee
9. Alicia Ehlers (ID) Ex-Officio
10. Gloria Soja (MT) Ex-Officio
11. Casey Laurie (NH) Ex-Officio
12. Jason McCrea (PA) Ex-Officio

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

1. Jane Seigel (IN) Commissioner
2. Mark Boger (ME) Commissioner
3. Nancy Allard (SD) Commissioner
4. Michael Lacy (WV) Commissioner

Guests in Attendance:

None

National Office Staff and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
 2. Jennifer Adkins, Training and Administrative Coordinator
 3. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator
 4. Jack Branum, Project Manager
 5. Richard Masters, Legal Counsel
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Call to Order

- Chair Harrigfeld called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. EDT.

Roll Call

- A. Lippert called the roll. Twelve of the sixteen members were present. Seven of the ten *voting* members were present, establishing a quorum.

Agenda

- **A. Connor (NV) made a motion to approve the agenda. B. Murraray (AK) seconded. The motion passed to approve the agenda as presented.**

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- **A. Connor (NV) made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting. D. Dodd (NM) seconded. The motion passed to approve the minutes as presented.**

Discussion

State Councils

- Chair Harrigfeld recited the ICJ statute requiring states to establish a state council. She presented a State Council Status Report updated April 9, 2013 by the National Office. The document reported 39 states with established councils; 10 states in progress; 1 state not in progress, and 1 state exempt.
- M. Davis (NV) questioned penalizing all states except Texas that have not yet established a state council. R. Masters updated that the state council language was omitted from the Texas Statute and clarified the legal difference between statutes and policies.
- A. Lippert noted that four of the total member states did not submit an annual update in accordance with the ICJ State Council Enforcement Policy. Of the four, the newly appointed California Commissioner (Scott Frizzie) requested additional time to respond.
- D. Dodd (NM) noted the turnover frequency of California Commissioners.
- A. Connor (NV) commented on the upheaval in the California Compact Office due to the elimination of the California Juvenile Parole Division, which housed ICJ.
- Chair Harrigfeld spoke to the positive attributes of state councils and the ICJ strategic initiative to strengthen compliance. She expressed concern that three of the Executive Committee members do not have a state council established and requested input on how to further assist states with implementing a state council.
- S. Foxworth (CO) and F. White (MA) provided a status update for their respective states.
- R. Masters recommended issuing a letter to the eleven states that do not have a state council established explaining their default status with compact and allocate sixty (60) days for those states to respond. Upon receipt of the responses, the Compliance Committee would determine the next steps. A. Lippert noted the course of action to be in alignment with previous non-compliance issues. She noted that past letters were helpful to assist Commissioners move forward.
- F. White (MA) spoke against sending all states the same letter noting *in progress* includes a wide spectrum of progression.
- A. Lippert noted that one of the four states not reporting has a state council however did not provide an annual update. Chair Harrigfeld agreed to personally contact the state of Connecticut.
- **D. Dodd (NM) made a motion that the Compliance Committee finds the eleven states reported without an established state council in default of the compact and recommend to the Executive Committee that the eleven states be issued a default letter from Legal Counsel defining the default and requesting a plan of action response within 60 days of receipt of the letter. B. Murray (AK) seconded. S. Foxworth (CO), F. White (MA), and A. Connor (NV) abstained. The motion passed.**

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Texas State Council Status

- S. Foxworth (CO) questioned the lack of a State Council by Texas.
- The Compliance Committee discussed the fact that Texas excluded the language from their statute when all other states abided by the directive to include. R. Masters confirmed all states were given the same instructions.
- D. Dodd (NM) noted that during D. Bonner's tenure as Texas Commissioner she planned to implement a state council although it was not included in the statute.
- The Compliance Committee questioned whether this exclusion prohibited Texas from being a Compact member. The Committee reached a consensus that their intent is not to exclude Texas from the Compact but to further investigate the situation.
- Chair Harrigfeld offered to contact Texas directly. R. Masters recommended that Chair Harrigfeld, ICJ Executive Director, and Legal Counsel research and report back to the committee.
- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion that the Compliance Committee Chair, ICJ Executive Director, and Legal Counsel communicate with the ICJ Executive Committee and Texas to express the Commission's concern, to determine the current status and intention to form a State Council, and to report back to the Compliance Committee for possible further action. A. Connor (NV) seconded. D. Dodd opposed. The motion passed.**

Adjourn

F. White (MA) made a motion to adjourn. D. Dodd (NM) seconded. The motion passed. Chair Harrigfeld adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m. EDT.