



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes
May 27, 2015
11:15 a.m. EDT

Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Patrick J. Pendergast (AL) Chair
2. Anne Connor (NV) Vice Chair
3. Phil Cox (OR) Treasurer
4. Rose Ann Bisch (MN) Rules Committee Chair, AAICPC/ICJ Work Group Co-Chair
5. Dale Dodd (NM) West Region Representative
6. Traci Marchand (NC) Training Committee Chair
7. Nina Belli (OH) Midwest Region Representative
8. Mia Pressley (SC) South Region Representative
9. Patricia Welcome (VI) East Region Representative
10. Shelley Hagan (WI) Technology Committee Chair
11. Rick Masters, Legal Counsel

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

1. Michael Lacy (WV) Compliance Committee Chair
2. Trudy Gregorie, Victims Representative

Guests in Attendance:

None

ICJ National Office Staff in Attendance:

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

Chair Pendergast called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m. EDT

Roll Call

A. Lippert called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

P. Welcome (VI) made a motion to approve the agenda. D. Dodd (NM) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

M. Pressley (SC) made a motion to approve the April 30, 2015 meeting minutes. N. Belli (OH) seconded. The motion passed.

Executive Director Report (presented by Ashley Lippert)

Commissioner Update

- A. Lippert updated on communication with Jason McCrea regarding the Pennsylvania Commissioner appointment. Additionally, designee appointments for the annual meeting are anticipated.

2015 Annual Business Meeting – August 24-26, 2015

- A. Lippert reported nine candidates were nominated for the ICJ Leadership Award. After all Executive Committee members have cast their ballot, the votes will be tallied and the recipient announced.

CSG Affiliation

- A. Lippert updated that Kentucky passed a bill to allow state organizations, such as the Council of State Governments (CSG), to withdraw from the Kentucky Employee Retirement System (KERS) due to the rising costs to support participation. Next year, CSG will exercise the option to withdraw. The Kentucky Employee Retirement System will perform an actuarial analysis to establish the costs per employee and assess the organization. There is concern among the CSG affiliates of the high liability costs for withdrawing at that time.
- A. Lippert summarized the annual costs (direct and indirect) ICJ currently pays CSG which includes human resources, benefits, accounting, and liability insurance.
- A. Lippert reported that she and ICAOS Executive Director Hageman are researching alternatives to KERS and marketable vendors to provide human resources and accounting services. The preliminary findings show there to be a cost savings. Upon receipt of all vendor quotes, a side by side comparison would be presented for consideration to the Executive Committee.
- S. Hagan (WI) questioned and A. Lippert clarified that the financial areas of consideration are two-fold: (1) direct and indirect costs for services currently provided by CSG; and (2) the potential KERS actuarial costs.
- Chair Pendergast questioned the time frame. A. Lippert recommended making a decision in the fall of 2015.
- The Executive Committee agreed that the Executive Director should pursue and present the findings.

ICPC Data System

- A. Lippert reported communications with the CEO of Tetris. Tetris developed the new case management system (NIECE) for ICPC. NIECE was demonstrated during the ICPC Annual Meeting at which time ICPC expressed an interest for allied organizations to join the system. Tetris is familiar with ICJ as a past bidder for the development of JIDS. Initial exploration of an ICJ-ICPC alliance revealed that the workflows of the two organizations are similar which supports the possibility of collaboration in some manner. A meeting between ICJ, Tetris, and the ICPC project manager is scheduled next month to discuss further.

- S. Hagan (WI) shared her assessment of the NIECE case management system from a recent demonstration in comparison to the JIDS forms management system. As the Technology Committee Chair, she supported researching the potential possibilities as a next generation JIDS. ICPC plans to roll out NIECE in phases beginning with five states in phase I and 12 states in phase II. ICPC spoke highly of the developer noting their unique background in criminal justice melded with experience as a software developer.
- R. Bisch (MN) spoke favorably to the user friendliness of NIECE as demonstrated during the ICPC Annual Meeting and supports pursuing the feasibility.
- R. Masters commented on the demonstration during the ICPC Annual Meeting and the challenges of implementing a new system at the onset of initiating a new Compact. Additionally, commenting that there may be grant funding available should ICJ align with the ICPC's system.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee (presented by Patrick Pendergast)

- Chair Pendergast had nothing new to report since the last meeting.

Finance Committee (presented by Phil Cox)

- Chair Cox reported that the Finance Committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting.

Training, Education & Public Relations Committee (presented by Traci Marchand)

- Chair Marchand reported the Training Committee May meeting was rescheduled to June 10 and updated on the Rules Trainings completed since April 30. A JIDS Training was held May 5 and several June meetings are scheduled.

Human Trafficking Work Group Update

- A. Connor (NV) reported that the Human Trafficking Work Group continues to meet monthly and a best practice is being developed. Due to the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014, states are developing task forces resulting in a rise within states' agencies collaboration and an increased awareness of ICJ as a viable stakeholder.

2015 Spring Juvenile Court Judges' Conference

- Chair Marchand reported that she and Rick Masters were co-presenters in May at the Georgia Juvenile Court Judges Conference. The ICJ Returns Presentation consisted of history, case law, and daily operations. R. Masters echoed that the presentation was well-received and acknowledged the contributions by ICJ's NCJFCJ Ex-Officio Judge Peggy Walker.
- In July, Chair Marchand, Rick Masters, and Ashley Lippert will attend the NCJFCJ 2015 Annual Conference in Austin, Texas.

Compliance Committee

- In Chair Lacy's absence, Executive Director Lippert highlighted the sequence of events leading up to a default by the State of Illinois. On May 7, the Compliance Committee met and reviewed Illinois' response to the default. Illinois hired a full time ICJ staff position, is current according to their JIDS activities, and no new issues have been reported to the National Office. The Compliance Committee agreed that Illinois has adequately addressed the default and the fine should be abated.

- R. Masters commented how the national data system provided an independent verification. He advised the Compliance Committee during the May meeting that there was sufficient evidence of Illinois' corroborating efforts of compliance.
- **D. Dodd (NM) made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Compliance Committee to accept the letter from Illinois Commissioner Jones as a cure to the default and to abate the fine. A. Connor (NV) seconded. The motion passed.**

Technology Committee (presented by Shelley Hagan)

- S. Hagan (WI) reported the Technology Committee did not meet and updated on the status of the following JIDS activity:
 - Quarterly Progress Report requires additional edits and re-testing;
 - FileBound upgrade awaits a test date;
 - Case Closure Notification Form enhancements are now live in JIDS;
 - Juvenile Rights Form enhancements are now live in JIDS;
 - Communication Request workflow modification awaits a test date; and
 - Final Travel Plan modifications were forwarded to InStream for implementation, as there were no comments to the proposed changes.

Rules Committee and AAICPC/ICJ Work Group (presented by Rose Ann Bisch)

Rules Committee

- Chair Bisch reported the rule proposals comment period would close June 8 and the Rules Committee will meet June 16-17 in Lexington, Kentucky to review all comments and finalize the 50 proposed rule amendments for vote in August.

AAICPC/ICJ MOU Work Group

- Co-Chair Bisch reported the Work Group would meet July 16. The ICJ National Office formulated an AAICPC/ICJ Guide for the Work Group. A Q&A Section is being developed for the Guide and will be review at the next meeting.

Region Reports

East Region (presented by Patricia Welcome)

- Representative Welcome reported the East Region met May 27 and primarily discussed the 2015 proposed rule amendments. During the meeting, Rick Masters answered questions regarding the Advisory Opinion #01-2015 Records Check. She anticipates the records check to be a topic of discussion at the 2015 Annual Business Meeting.

Midwest Region (presented by Nina Belli)

- Representative Belli reported the Midwest Region met May 21 and discussed the rule proposals. Rule 5-103 submitted by the Midwest Region was withdrawn as the Rules Committee inserted the language into the Rules Committee's proposed rule amendment. Staff changes in the Midwest include: Tomiko Frierson (IL) full time DCA; Roy Yapple (MI) part-time designee; and Ron Leffler (IN) will be leaving Indiana Parole.
- Representative Belli shared a human trafficking success story due to the collaborated efforts of Compact staff with local and federal agencies.

South Region (presented by Mia Pressley)

- Representative Pressley reported the South Region met May 26 and primarily discussed the 2015 proposed rules amendments and the South Region will be posting several comments. During the meeting, A. Lippert answered a few questions regarding the Advisory Opinion #01-2015 Records Check; however, some South Region states are not

comfortable with the opinion. Nominations for the 2016 officers were made and await acceptance of the nominees.

West Region (presented by Dale Dodd)

- Representative Dodd reported the West Region met May 27 and discussed the West Region's proposals in conjunction with the Rules Committee's proposals to the same rules. The West Region agreed to withdraw 10 of their 11 proposals. The one remaining proposal (Rule 5-102) will go forward with an updated justification for clarity. Rick Masters attended the meeting and answered questions regarding the Advisory Opinion #01-2015 Records Check. Nominations were made for the 2016 officers.
- Representative Dodd reported co-presenting ICJ with Jean Taylor (New Mexico ICPC) for one of the New Mexico Bar Association Continuing Education Classes.

Legal Counsel Report (presented by Rick Masters)

- Rick Masters responded to the comments from the regions regarding the Advisory Opinion #01-2015 Records Check. The legal opinion addressed the question presented regarding the ICJ authority to conduct a records check for another state on a youth not subject to ICJ. The opinion does not infer that states stop sharing information for youth who may become part of the Compact in the future. The intent of the advisory opinion was to answer the question and caution against providing information on a youth gathered for the purpose of the Compact outside of the Compact regarding a youth who is not nor will be a part of the Compact. The intent of the opinion does not impede anything states do that is needed for effective law enforcement and the protection of juveniles. The Commission may wish to consider nuancing through a rule.

Victim's Report (presented by Trudy Gregorie)

- Due to T. Gregorie's absence, there was no report.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- R. Bisch (MN) reported that some members of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force attended a State Council Meeting. As a Safe Harbor Law state, Minnesota is finding there are no black and white answers other than a focus on what is in the best interest of the youth.

Adjourn

- **A. Connor (NV) made a motion to adjourn. P. Cox (OR) seconded. Chair Pendergast adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 12:16 p.m. EDT.**