



**INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**

*Minutes*  
**January 26, 2010 · 11:00 a.m. EST**

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**In Attendance**

1. Lisa Bjergaard (ND) Commissioner, Chair
2. Dennis Casarona (KS) Commissioner
3. Gloria Soja (MT) Designee
4. Alicia Ehlers (ID) Ex-Officio

**Staff in Attendance**

1. Ashley Lippert (ICJ) Executive Director
2. Jack Branum (ICJ) Project Manager
3. Ashley Matthews (ICJ) Administrative Assistant

**Members Not in Attendance**

1. Paul Gibson (KY) Commissioner
2. Beth Meng (LA) Commissioner
3. Susan Morris (OK) Commissioner
4. Philip Cox (OR) Commissioner

**Roll Call**

- Three out of eight members were present. There was not a quorum.

**Discussion**

- A. Lippert informed the Committee that the Virgin Islands reached out to her and Chair Donna Bonner with an invitation to testify before their legislature on the Homeland Security and Public Safety and Justice Committee regarding the Compact legislation. Chair Bonner and A. Lippert will testify on February 4<sup>th</sup> in hopes that the Virgin Islands will be able to move legislation through this session.
  - A. Lippert mentioned the modification that the Adult Commission made in regards to the Virgin Islands' dues. The Virgin Islands requested the Adult Commission review their dues based on the number of transactions they conduct. After review, the Adult Commission voted to add another lower tier according to the dues ratio calculated by the dues formula. A. Lippert informed the Finance Committee of this adjustment for their consideration

should the dues assessment for the Virgin Islands become an issue in their joining the Compact. Chair Bjergaard asked about the dues formula and the data used to calculate transactions. D. Casarona believed it would be worthwhile to review the dues formula after the 2010 Census.

- Chair Bjergaard asked for an update on Rhode Island's dues.
  - A. Lippert informed the Committee that Rhode Island's dues were not paid. She has spoken with Brian Peterson, Financial Manager for the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Family Services, who stated that Rhode Island inadvertently confused the dues for those of an Association and therefore did not approve them for payment. Mr. Peterson indicated that the check was now going through the proper channels and it would be a quick process. The Compliance Committee voted to send a letter to Rhode Island giving them a 10 day deadline upon receipt of the letter to pay dues, giving it a January 29<sup>th</sup> cutoff date. The Compliance Committee approved a recommendation to the Executive Committee to pursue legal action if Rhode Island's dues were not received by that date.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

- Chair Bjergaard asked for a budget update.
  - A. Lippert gave an overview of the current budget status. She indicated the line item for Legal Counsel and the Commission's use of his time. The Commission is through 50% of the fiscal year and 59% of his funding has been used. A. Lippert noted the services Rick Masters provides for outreach to non-member states as well as committee work.
  - A. Lippert informed the Committee that the policy for Accessing Legal Counsel was updated to reflect access through the Executive Director as opposed to the Commission Chair since the National Office reviews legal counsel's invoices. Chair Bonner supported the change and it will be presented to the Executive Committee at their January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Finance Committee agreed to endorse the policy update.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Bjergaard announced the next meeting would be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and adjourned the meeting.

- The Committee agreed that meetings would be held every fourth Tuesday of each month.