



## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### East Region Meeting

#### *Minutes*

May 18, 2017

10:00 a.m. EDT

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#### **Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:**

1. Maria Genca (CT) East Region Representative
2. David Barrett (ME) Commissioner
3. Thomas O'Connor (NH) Designee
4. Kevin Brown (NJ) Commissioner
5. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ) Designee
6. JoAnn Niksa (RI) Designee
7. Barbara Joyal (VT) Commissioner
8. Trissie Casanova (VT) Designee

#### **Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:**

1. Melanie Grimes (DE) Commissioner
2. Christine Norris (DE) Designee
3. Becki Moore (MA) Designee
4. Sheila Poole (NY) Commissioner
5. Wendy Lautsbaugh (PA) Commissioner
6. Patricia Welcome (VI) Commissioner

#### **Compact Staff in Attendance:**

1. Bob Lemieux (MA)
2. Pamela Leonard (NH)
3. Paul Ottati (NY)
4. Kelly Palmateer (NY)
5. Amanda Behe (PA)
6. Natalie Primak (PA)

#### **Guest in Attendance:**

None

#### **National Office Staff in Attendance:**

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator
3. Jenny Adkins, Project Manager

#### **Call to Order**

Representative Genca called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. EDT.

## **Roll Call**

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

## **Agenda**

**T. O'Connor (NH) made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Niksa (RI) seconded. The motion passed.**

## **Minutes**

- **T. O'Connor (NH) made a motion to approve the January 24, 2017 meeting minutes. K. Brown (NJ) seconded. The motion passed.**
- **T. O'Connor (NH) made a motion to approve the February 14, 2017 meeting minutes. K. Brown (NJ) seconded. The motion passed.**

## **Discussion**

### **Executive Committee Update**

- Director Underwood provided an update on various items from the Executive Committee.

#### **Reauthorization of the JJDP**

- The Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) with the ICJ 15 day detention exception has moved from committee and pass the House. A companion bill is pending in the Senate. There are some concerns regarding the elimination of the Valid Court Order (VCO ) exception that must be worked out in order for the bill to advance in the Senate. The Executive Committee discussed of renegotiating the 15 day exception for ICJ cases. However, efforts to renegotiate might reduce the chances of passage and endanger JJDP funding to states. Therefore, the Executive Committee agreed to lend support to the bill as it stands.

#### **FY18 Dues**

- The FY18 new Dues Invoices were mailed. Please contact the national office should your state's accounts payable department require additional information.
- Finance Committee Chair D. Barrett (ME) added that due to the de-affiliation from the Council of State Governments, the ICJ budget impact will realize approximately twelve percent savings and the Executive Committee will be consideration special projects.

#### **ABM 2017**

- Training preparations are underway for the 2017 Annual Business Meeting in San Diego. The Training Committee is looking for recommendations for judges to serve on the judicial panel on Wednesday.

#### **JIDS Upgrade**

- Director Underwood acknowledged the work of Jenny Adkins on the JIDS upgrade rollout. Rollout issues have been resolved. Should members experience issues, please file a JIDS helpdesk ticket. The upgrade JIDS training is available on demand on the Commission's website and the JIDS upgrade workflow guides continue to be updated.

## **Rule Proposals**

- Director Underwood noted that, to date, no comments have been posted for the rule proposals. The Rules Committee will meet mid-June to review all comments and finalize the proposals for the vote in September.
- Representative Genca opened the floor of discussion of the 2017 rule proposals and encouraged the region members to post comments.

### **East Region Proposals**

- Representative Genca noted that the Rules Committee did not recommend the East Region's proposals to Rules 8-101 and 1-101 and did not take a position for the proposal to Rule 4-103.
- K. Palmateer (NY) reported that she did not understand the Rules Committee's lack of support based on the premise that the juvenile may not be a part of the Compact. The travel permit rule currently states that juveniles who are relocating "*pending a request for transfer*". She interprets that language to mean that the juvenile will be transferred. She shared a couple New York cases where the Compact Office was not aware the juveniles were in their state, had pending charges and committed new offenses. New York plans to comment on the rule proposals.

### **Rule 1-101 Definitions: Runaways**

- K. Palmateer (NY) commented that the justification to amend the definition of runaway is to clarify that runways can include non-adjudicated and non-status offenders. The proposal as worded implies that only those who have not been adjudicated qualify as a runaway.

### **Rule 2-106: Request for Juvenile Information**

- K. Palmateer (NY) commented that the new rule as stated is how ICJ currently operates and questioned the need for a rule.

### **State Updates**

- P. Ottati (NY) updated that the next NY State Council meeting is in August.
- K. Brown (NJ) updated that the NJ State Council membership is in transit and once finalized will meet.
- J. Niksa (RI) reported that the new DCFY Director is supportive of the ICJ RI State Council. Commissioner McKenna moving forward with the RI Executive Order to fill the council positions.
- B. Lemieux (MA) introduced himself as the newest member of the MA ICJ team for parole and will be performing many of the duties formerly managed by Mary Ann Donahue who retired.
- T. O'Connor (NH) updated that a search committee is working to fill the director position formerly held of Lorraine Bartlett who retired. The state council continues to align with the state advisory group. He introduced the new DCA, Pamela Leonard.
- T. Casanova (VT) updated that the VT State Council met and are in the process of filling a couple membership positions.
- Representative Genca updated that Connecticut is in the process of filling a couple vacancies on the state council and plan to meet prior to the annual meeting.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

- P. Ottati (NY) shared that several juveniles have been picked up by New York law enforcement on active warrants in the NCIC system, held in detention centers, and taken to Court only to find out days later that the state is no longer seeking their return. Several other states shared similar incidents and filing warrants without expectations to extradite. The East Region agreed to forward to J. Niksa (RI) details of the incidents and discuss the commonalities at the next meeting.

**Adjourn**

- **Representative Genca adjourned by acclamation without objection at 10:55 a.m. EDT.**