



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes

March 15, 2018

2:00 p.m. EDT

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Mia Pressley (SC) Chair
2. Peter Sprengelmeyer (OR) Vice Chair
3. Tony DeJesus (CA) Commissioner
4. Anne Connor (ID) Designee
5. Cathlyn Smith (TN) Commissioner
6. Jedd Pelander (WA) Commissioner

Non-Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Mike Casey (DE)
2. Tracy Bradley-Walden (FL)
3. Holly Kassube (IL)
4. Maxine Baggett (MS)
5. Jessica Wald (ND)
6. Candice Alfonso (NJ)
7. Raymundo Gallardo (UT)
8. Trissie Casanova (VT)
9. Richetta Johnson (VA)
10. Chris Newlin, NACAC, Ex Officio

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Sherry Jones (MD) Commissioner
2. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ) Commissioner

ICJ Staff in Attendance:

1. Marylee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Administrative and Training Specialist
3. Jenny Adkins, Project Manager
4. Monica Gary, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Pressley called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

M. Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

A. Conner (ID) made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Pelander (WA) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

A. Connor (ID) made a motion to approve the January 18, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. T. DeJesus (CA) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

Draft Survey

- Chair Pressley opened the discussion with an introduction to the draft survey and questions regarding how state ICJ offices are addressing human trafficking. Changes and suggestions to the survey were discussed and the National Office will make the suggested changes and issue the survey.
- C. Newlin suggested adding whether ICJ Offices are involved with local, regional and/or state human trafficking taskforce. H. Kassube (IL) made the suggestion of asking states to identify if they have a human trafficking taskforce.
- E. Goode noted that all states previously submitted information to the ICJ National Office regarding task forces when the Human Trafficking Matrix was developed and is available on the website.
- A. Connor (ID) suggested working with other agencies on human trafficking collaborations and connecting ICJ Offices with various agencies to become more visible.
- Chair Pressley suggested it would be helpful to know whether each taskforce active, and whether each taskforce is state, local, or regional.
- J. Wald (ND) shared a scenario in which North Dakota uses a Rapid Indicator Tool to assist in identifying the victims of human trafficking. She reported that there are “Navigators” in the state who report to Homeland Security. Homeland Security reaches out to other states when ICJ juveniles are involved. All human trafficking victims are followed up on through FBI.
- J. Wald (ND) shared that North Dakota has acquired a grant that assist human trafficking victims.
- A. Connor (ID) suggested that ICJ should investigate grant information to assist with human trafficking funding. J. Wald (ND) will share information regarding the grant ND received.
- Director Underwood suggested that several volunteers test the survey. The following members offered: CA, ND, OR, and VT.

Outreach to Children’s Advocacy Centers

- Chair Pressley requested feedback on reaching out to Child Advocacy Centers.
- C. Newlin (NACAC) shared that each state works to coordinate Child Advocacy Center.
- C. Newlin (NACAC) volunteered to make the introduction of ICJ contact in each state to Executive Director of Child Advocacy Agency to facilitate collaborations.
- Chair Pressley suggested reaching out to each ICJ Region to ask them to make contact with Child Advocacy centers in each state.
- The Committee suggested offering a training to the Child Advocacy Center and an introduction.
- Director Underwood suggested a fact sheet to provide an introduction to the ICJ.
- The National Office will develop a draft fact sheet on behalf of the ICJ Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee

KS “ICJ Rules Applied to Human Trafficking (HT) Cases” document

- Director Underwood stated that the document provided was developed by KS ICJ office to show how ICJ Rules apply to human trafficking cases. It appears to have been developed a few years ago, thus the Rules numbers need to be updated. However, with a few updates, a non-state specific document could be developed.
- Chair Pressley asked all members to review and it will be revisited in the next meeting.

Preventing Sex Trafficking & Strengthening Families Act Mandates

- Chair Pressley introduced the materials provided related to the Strengthening Families Act.
- Director Underwood shared resource materials. She added that the National Office could put a presentation together and share at a future meeting. The Committee did not discuss further action on this matter.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Next meeting will be May 10, 2018 at 10 am EDT

Adjourn

- **Chair Pressley adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:09p.m. EDT.**