



## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee

#### *Minutes*

**May 10, 2018**

**10:00 a.m. EDT**

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

1. Mia Pressley (SC) Chair
2. Peter Sprengelmeyer (OR) Vice Chair
3. Anne Connor (ID) Designee
4. Sherry Jones (MD) Commissioner
5. Trissie Casanova (VT) Commissioner
6. Jedd Pelander (WA) Commissioner

#### **Members Not in Attendance:**

1. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ) Designee
2. Cathlyn Smith (TN) 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. Trissie Casanova (VT)
7. Richetta Johnson (VA)
8. Maureen Blaha, Ex Officio

#### **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 10:00 a.m. EDT.

#### **Roll Call**

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

#### **Agenda**

**A. Connor (ID) made a motion to approve the agenda. P. Sprengelmeyer (OR) seconded. The motion passed.**

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**A. Connor (ID) made a motion to approve the March 15, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion passed.**

## **Discussion**

### Feedback from Survey Tester

- Chair Pressley opened the discussion asking for feedback on the Human Trafficking Survey Tester.
- T. Casanova (VT) shared that her concern was the length of the survey.
- A. Connor (ID) asked T. Bradley-Walden (FL) how many trafficking cases are processed by the State of Florida. She reported that sixty cases were recorded last year.
- Chair Pressley suggested streamlining and accounting for multiple answers on the survey.
- J. Wald (ND) asked if the selection option could be a type box vs. check box. She mentioned that juveniles are screened at various points in the State of North Dakota.
- Director Underwood explained that the multiple-choice answers will make it easier to report the data in congregate, but that fill in the blank options could also be included. She asked the Committee to consider how they want to receive and use the information produced from the survey.
- Chair Pressley shared that the Committee should keep in mind who is being identified, all juveniles or ICJ juveniles. The Committee agreed that ICJ juveniles should be the ones identified.
- Chair Pressley asked the Committee to think about what the goal of the survey is.
- P. Sprengelmeyer (OR) asked if selecting “all that applies” can be an option for the survey to identify when juveniles are screened. Chair Pressley agreed that this should be an option for the survey.
- Chair Pressley identified two objectives: to determine the human trafficking numbers and to determine best practices.
- S. Jones (MD) stated that the benefit of the survey would be to determine the level of support and the need for resources
- A. Connor (ID) shared the “National Conference of State Legislature: Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening of Families Act of 2014 Summary of Child Welfare Provision.”
- A. Connor (ID) reported that the state of Idaho uses the Maryland human trafficking model. S. Jones (MD) shared that identification should be the first interest of the Committee.

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

- Chair Pressley referred to the “ICJ Rules as Applied to Human Trafficking (HT) Cases.” Director Underwood stated that the document provided was developed by the Kansas ICJ Office. Some references have been updated, but further consideration may be needed. No Committee action was taken.

### Matrix Update

- Director Underwood reported that the Matrix did not get picked up via pro bono and asked the Committee if they were willing to invest monies to update the matrix.
- Chair Pressley stated that the alternative to financial investment would be for each State to be responsible for updating the matrix.
- P. Sprengelmeyer (OR) inquired if it was possible to obtain the percentage of utilization of the matrix. Director Underwood stated that the National Office could add that question to the survey.

- A. Connor (ID) suggested a subgroup to update the matrix. The Committee agreed that representatives from each region would be selected to update the matrix.
- Representative Pressley and A. Connor (ID) volunteered to lead the efforts to contact each region. The following representatives have volunteered to represent their region:
  - A. Connor (ID), West Representative
  - H. Kassube (IL), Midwest Representative

### **Old Business**

- Director Underwood reported that a “Bench Card for Runaways” was being drafted and would be reviewed by the Training Committee. This will include information regarding the connection between human trafficking and ICJ and can be used to educate Children’s Advocacy Centers.

### **New Business**

- Next meeting will be July 19, 2018 at 2 pm EDT.

### **Adjourn**

- **Chair Pressley adjourned the meeting without objection at 11:27a.m. EDT.**