



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Region Meeting

Minutes

March 13, 2018

11:00 a.m. EST

Regional Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Charles Frieberg (SD) Representative
2. Tomiko Frierson (IL) Commissioner
3. Jeff Cowger (KS) Commissioner
4. Roy Yaple (MI) Commissioner
5. Tracy Hudrlik (MN) Commissioner
6. Nate Lawson (OH) Commissioner

Regional Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Mike Rempe (IA) Commissioner
2. Jane Seigel (IN) Commissioner
3. Lisa Bjergaard (ND) Commissioner
4. Jayce Rader (NE) Commissioner
5. Shelley Hagan (WI) Commissioner

Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Mary Lou Clefisch (IA)
2. Nita Wright (IN)
3. Turran Blazier (IN)
4. Holly Kassube (IL)
5. Liz Wilson (KS)
6. Jessica Wald (ND)
7. Abbey Christian (NE)
8. Kathy Christenson (SD)
9. Cheryl Frost (SD)
10. Joy Swantz (WI)

Guests in Attendance:

1. Maureen Blaha, Ex Officio

ICJ Staff in Attendance:

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

Call to Order

Representative Frieberg called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. EST

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

- **T. Frierson (IL) made a motion to approve the agenda. T. Hudrlik (MN) seconded. The motion passed.**

Minutes

T. Frierson (IL) made a motion to approve the minutes as amended dated December 12, 2017. R. Yapple (MI) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

Executive Committee Updates

- Director Underwood welcomed new Commissioner Nate Lawson (OH) who replaced Nina Belli. She also reported that Arizona has a new Commissioner Jeff Hood, and John Crabtree will remain the Full-Time Designee. David Laity is the new Commissioner for Nevada. Director Underwood stated that there's only one remaining vacancy – New Hampshire due to the resignation of Thom O'Connor. She added that currently Pam Leonard is the DCA in the New Hampshire ICJ Office and is handling the day to day business.
- Director Underwood reported the House version of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A) is being considered again, and the current ICJ exemption should not be affected.
- Director Underwood announced that the Rules Amendments are in effect as of March 1, 2018. She thanked J. Cowger (KS) and C. Frieberg (SD) for conducting Rules Amendment training.
- The National Office has updated the Rules, including histories; Quick Reference Guide; Bench Card on Supervision; and trainings. All updates are available on the ICJ website. The newly revised Bench Book will soon be distributed to all ICJ members and that it will be available on flash drives and the ICJ website.
- Director Underwood reported that 48 of 52 State Council Reports have been received by the National Office. She reminded the region that the report must include a current roster and how many times the State Council has met. The Executive Committee is working on new resources to assist states with forming and maintaining functional State Councils.
- Director Underwood shared that the National Office has several surveys
 - Rule 7-104 regarding the input of warrants into NCIC. Fifty (50) of 52 states completed the survey. Twelve (12) reported barriers to compliance and were asked to provide additional information. A Subcommittee of the Executive Committee is exploring options to address concerns.
 - Special Projects survey regarding JIDS and new technology was conducted.
 - Technology Committee survey on Form IA/VI, regarding judges reluctant to sign before the home evaluation, was conducted.
- Director Underwood reported that the 2018 Annual Business Meeting / 10th Anniversary will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Director Underwood announced that the 2019 Annual Business Meeting will be held in the Midwest Region, and that the Executive Committee will make the selection soon.

- J. Swantz (WI) asked if the National Office has received Wisconsin's State Council Report. Director Underwood confirmed it was received.
- J. Wald (ND) asked who is responsible for distributing the updated Bench Books. Director Underwood responded that each ICJ Office will receive a printed copy and a flash drive of the new Bench Book. States are encouraged to distribute to those in their states who need it. Distribution can be electronic or by printed copies. J. Wald (ND) asked what is required on the State Council Report. Director Underwood responded that under the policy that a list of members and when the State Council met is required.

2019 Proposed Rule Amendments from the region

- Representative Frieberg asked if there were any suggestions for 2019 proposed rules from the region.
- T. Frierson (IL) expressed concern regarding youth who are held in custody as a juvenile in one state and may have adult charges in another state. She stated that an advisory opinion recommends that the juvenile is returned as a juvenile. T. Frierson (IL) stated that in her experience she has seen many variations and its often not entered into JIDS. She would like to ask that a rule or amendment be included for consistency and compliance.
- Director Underwood said this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. She shared that the Rules Committee will be releasing a new "Rules Proposal Guide" soon.

State Updates

- Illinois: T. Frierson (IL) noted that no updates were necessary.
- Indiana: N. Wright (IN) reported that the Indiana ICJ has an upcoming joint conference with probation officers in problem solving court and the ICJ Office will present training. Also, J. Siegel (IN) will retire soon. Justin Fortner is currently shadowing her and will take over the ICJ responsibilities.
- Iowa: M. Clefisch (IA) noted that no updates were necessary.
- Kansas: J. Cowger (KS) noted that no updates were necessary.
- Michigan: R. Yapple (MI) reported that Michigan finished its audit and a State Council meeting as scheduled.
- Minnesota - T. Hudrlick (MN) noted that no updates were necessary.
- Nebraska – A. Christian (NE) reported that Nebraska's State Council met in December and plans to hold next meeting in June. Also, she reported that a statewide ICJ Rules Amendment Training was presented on February 21st.
- North Dakota - J. Wald (ND) reported that the North Dakota State Council met earlier this year and provided rules training to the State Attorney's Office.
- South Dakota: C. Frieberg (SD) reported that the South Dakota ICJ Office has forwarded revised Rules to judges, field staff, state commission, and states attorneys.
- Wisconsin: J. Swantz (WI) reported that Shelley Hagan will be out of the office the month of March. Please include Joy on any communications. Training is scheduled for counties. State Advisory Council is dysfunctional because appointments have not been made by the Governor's Office.
- Ohio: N. Lawson (OH) is the new Commissioner. No updates were provided at the time.

Old Business

- A Christiansen (NE) asked for clarification with the return of juveniles as adults referencing Illinois issue.
- J. Swantz (WI) shared that she was asked to present at a statewide training and wanted to know if there were any giveaways from the National Office. Director Underwood stated

we can send pins, brochures, and additional resources. Also, she suggested that Wisconsin send in a TTA request to Emma Goode at the National Office.

- Director Underwood mentioned that ICJ has 6 trainers from the Midwest and wanted to thank those who have assisted with trainings.
- J. Wald (SD) noted that efforts are underway to ensure that she has voting rights.

New Business

- The ICJ National Office will send out a poll for the new meeting date.

Adjourn

- Representative Frieberg adjourned the meeting without objection at 11:41a.m. EST.