



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

West Region Meeting

Minutes

November 1, 2016

3:00 p.m. EDT

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Jessica Eldredge (UT) Designee, Representative
2. Barbara Murray (AK) Commissioner
3. John Crabtree (AZ) Designee
4. Michael Farmer (CA) Designee
5. Summer Foxworth (CO) Commissioner
6. Alicia Ehlers (ID) Designee
7. Cindy McKenzie (MT) Commissioner
8. Anne Connor (NV) Commissioner
9. Dale Dodd (NM) Commissioner
10. Gloria Soja (OR) Designee
11. Gary Hartman (WY) Commissioner

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Linda Kiyotoki (HI) Designee
2. Philip Cox (OR) Commissioner
3. Jedd Pelander (WA) Commissioner

Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Tony DeJesus (CA)
2. Gladys Olivares (NV)
3. Lillian Lopez (UT)
4. Dawn Bailey (WA)

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator
3. Shawn Robinson, Training and Administrative Coordinator
4. Jenny Adkins, Project Manager

Call to Order

Representative Eldredge called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. EDT.

Roll Call

A. Lippert called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

A. Connor (NV) made the motion to approve the meeting agenda. B. Murray (AK) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

A. Connor (NV) made a motion to approve the August 23, 2016 minutes. M. Farmer (CA) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Discussion

Committee Chairs Updates

- Representative Eldredge reported that the Commissioners listed below are serving as the 2017 ICJ Committee Chairs and acknowledged the West Region members serving on one or more committees.
 - Compliance Committee – Mike Farmer (CA)
 - Finance Committee – David Barrett (ME)
 - Information Technology Committee – Shelley Hagan (WI)
 - Rules Committee – Julie Hawkins (MO)
 - Training and Human Trafficking Committees – Anne Connor (NV)

Executive Committee Update

- Representative Eldredge reported that the ICJ Executive Committee has met twice since the 2016 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and updated on the following actions:
 - Trudy Gregorie was reappointed the Victims Representative for 2017.
 - A values driven script was approved. The script was developed from the information shared during the 2016 ABM team building session.
 - The draft 2016 ABM minutes from the General Session were approved for posting to the Commission's website.
 - The JIDS fall enhancements and the updated Forms III and VII will go live on November 14. Registration for the JIDS fall enhancements training is open. Additionally, the ICJ Rules and JIDS training dates are now available on the Commission's website.
 - Three new Commissioners have been appointed: South Dakota (Charles Frieberg), Louisiana (James Bueche), and Washington (Jedd Pelander). Additionally, the weekly newsletter lists Compact office staff updates.

2017 Rule Amendment Proposals Deadline

- Representative Eldredge presented the ICJ Rules Committee calendar and emphasized that February 28 is the last date to submit proposals to the ICJ Rules Committee.

State Updates

- A. Connor (NV) introduced Nevada's new staff member - Gladys Olivares, Interstate Coordinator.
- J. Crabtree (AZ) updated that he is Arizona's ICJ Designee. The Arizona Commissioner position is currently vacant as Dona Markley is no longer with the agency. Jeff Hood was appointed interim director and the ICJ Commissioner will be appointed when the agency director position is finalized.
- D. Bailey (WA) updated on transitions in the Washington ICJ Compact office due to the recent change in Commissioners.
- T. DeJesus (CA) updated that Laurie Akang retired and California is in the process of filling the position.
- J. Eldredge (UT) introduced Lillian Lopez Utah's newest staff member.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Training Committee Update

- A. Connor (Training Committee Chair) explained a new task of the Training Committee to be a State ICJ Compact Office Procedures/Transitional Plan. The task stems from the Compact's rule requirement that each state have policies and procedures in place for administering ICJ. The task is being presented to each region with a request that states such as Idaho who currently have a written plan share their state's plan with the committee. The Training Committee will then create a template to share with states to assistance with developing a written plan distinctive to each state. The plans will be obtained regionally similar to the human trafficking matrix information.
- Representative Eldredge spoke in support of the task and encouraged members to forward their plans and provide feedback to the Training Chair.

Travel Permit Rule

- A. Ehlers (ID) cited Rule 8-101(1) and suggested that an amendment be considered to track youth traveling less than 24 hours noting concern when juveniles travel across several state lines and make stops in route to their final destination.
- The West Region shared several incidents whereby the ICJ Compact offices expend time and resources working on the return of youth who are not ICJ eligible as they are returned within 24 hours. The work is not captured in JIDS; thus, the work is not statistically reported annually nor included in the dues formula.
- A. Lippert recalled that the Rules Committee considered this suggestion in the past and agreed that juveniles who are returned within 24 hours are not ICJ eligible.
- Representative Eldredge noted that Utah tracks youth booked into detention and averages about 20 per year that are not ICJ juveniles.
- A. Connor (NV) shared a question from Illinois as to when ICJ can pull out of a dependency custody issue.
- Representative Eldredge commented that perhaps the internal numbers by states should be discussed to see if there is a greater need to address nationally.

ICPC Returns

- M. Farmer (CA) brought forth an incident whereby ICJ was involved in the return of an ICPC youth being returned due to the disruption of placement. The ICPC Regulations state the sending state offices are to return for a disruption in placement and questioned why ICJ is involved. A. Connor (NV) commented that typically when there is a disruption in placement there is some type of local delinquency charge that involves ICJ. Representative Eldredge shared that Utah ICJ works closely with ICPC to return the youth and ICPC upholds the financial responsibility.

Juvenile non-offender non-delinquent defined

- M. Farmer (CA) shared a California case regarding the non-voluntary return of a runaway whereby California attorneys and judges cited the ICJ Articles definition of juvenile and questioned how a non-offender, non-delinquent could be in need of supervision; and consequently questioned the authority of ICJ to file a petition for a requisition according to Rule 6-103(3).

- A. Ehlers (ID) requested that Mike submit the issue/question/suggestion in writing and she will present it to the Rules Committee.

Adjourn

- Representative Eldredge will work with the National Office and submit a poll for potential dates in January for a meeting.
- **Representative Eldredge adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 4:01 p.m. EDT.**