

## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### Midwest Regional Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2024

11:00 a.m. ET

Via Zoom



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### Preliminary Business

#### Call to Order

Representative C. Frieberg (SD) called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. ET.

#### Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll, and a quorum was established.

#### Voting Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Chuck Frieberg (SD), Commissioner, Midwest Regional Representative
2. Sasaun Lane (OH), Commissioner, Midwest Regional Alternate Representative
3. Curtis Hamstra (IA), Commissioner
4. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
5. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
6. Chris Biehn (IN), Commissioner
7. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
8. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
9. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
10. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner

#### Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Molly Dearing (IL)
2. Angel Jones (IL)
3. Holly Kassube (IL)
4. Laura Hausladen (IN)
5. Nataly Sevilla (IN)
6. April Simmons (IN)
7. Nita Wright (IN)
8. Liz Wilson (KS)
9. Abbie Christian (NE)
10. Kathy Christenson (SD)
11. Cheryl Frost (SD)
12. Jennifer McFadden (WI)

#### Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Megan Milner (KS), Commissioner
2. Fareeda Washington (KS), Designee
3. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner
4. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner

#### National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist

4. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
5. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

## Agenda

T. Frierson (IL) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. C. Gerber (WI) seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

## Minutes

C. Gerber (WI) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. J. Wald (ND) seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

## Check-ins

Representative Frieberg (SD) opened the meeting by asking members to share one word to describe how they felt.

## Reports

### Hot Topics from the *ICJ Updates*

- [2023 State Council Report](#) published on the Commission's website.
- Reminder to [submit in-state training reports](#).
- Reminder to [register](#) for the **2024 Annual Business Meeting** in Mobile, Alabama.
- Demonstration of [ICJ Request Form](#).

## Committee Reports

### Executive Committee

- Director Underwood reported that the Executive Committee last met on June 27, 2024 and discussed preparations for the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).
- Director Underwood provided a reminder that August 9, 2024 is the deadline for Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Region Representative nominations, and awards nominations for the Leadership Award, Rising Star Award, and Legacy Award. Nominations can be submitted [online](#).
- Director Underwood shared that the Executive Committee also discussed the results of the survey on *Returning Non-Delinquent Runaways*. She reported that 49 out of 52 jurisdictions responded to the survey. The National Office is in the process of analyzing the results to identify the top three issues that will be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Director Underwood thanked Holly Kassube (IL) and Nataly Sevilla (IN) for joining her in Indianapolis to present at American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)'s Annual Training Institute. She shared they did a terrific job on presenting about home evaluations.
  - Director Underwood shared the *Wednesday Workshop* on Home Evaluations was adapted into a new presentation for a live audience. She mentioned if anyone is interested in providing in-state training regarding home evaluations to contact Amanee Cabbagestalk for the presentation. The content is also available in a TalentLMS course.
- Director Underwood shared she will be presenting at the National Symposium on Juvenile Services in Salt Lake City, Utah with R. Gallardo (UT). The title of the session is *ICJ in Action: Understanding the Interstate Compact for Juveniles*.
- Director Underwood stated that we will be joined by new ex officios at ABM this year. The ex officios will have dedicated time during the Networking Breakfast on Tuesday September 24, 2024 to share more about their organizations.

- She added that the Executive Committee has also researched and discussed concerns related to Virtual Hearings. There has been an increase in requests for juveniles to participate in virtual hearings by the sending/demanding state when being held in detention in another state. The holding state or receiving state is not required to make that juvenile available for a hearing in another state.
- Director Underwood also reported that the National Office has been contacted by representatives in Guam about joining the Compact.

#### Information Technology Committee

- Technology Committee Chair K. Torres (IA) reported that the Technology Committee met on April 9, May 14, June 11, and July 9, 2024 and discussed the testing and development of the Rule Enhancement Updates.
- She shared there was a work group focused on developing two new return reports. For additional information or questions, please reach out to Technology Committee Chair K. Torres (IA) or Vice Chair R. Curtis (ME).
- Technology Committee Chair K. Torres (IA) shared that the committee is in the process of reviewing proposed changes to the travel plan detail task in UNITY. The proposed changes will help to ensure that travel plans are being created and details regarding airport supervision are captured accurately within UNITY.
- She also added that the Business Analysis (B.A.)/Enhancement Subcommittee finalized the initial review of the pending enhancement requests and they are ready for next year's team to start the deep dive work.

#### Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee

- Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Ambassador, J. Wald (ND), reported that the Training Committee discussed the development of the ABM training sessions.
- She shared there were multiple subcommittees created to develop scenarios for the training session and to plan the new First-Time Attendee Orientation Luncheon.
- J. Wald (ND) reported the Training Committee discussed the development of a new detailed bench card for attorneys or prosecutors to be used when returning juveniles.
- She reported that the Training Committee also discussed the training statistics for the last quarter and shared a reminder for everyone to submit their trainings on the updated training report located on the Commission's website.

#### Racial Diversity Equity and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee

- Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee Ambassador, J. Wald (ND) reported that the committee discussed a training that was provided to the committee by Marcia Good from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) regarding collaborating with Native American tribes.
- J. Wald (ND) noted some of the information that Ms. Good shared about tribal nations.
  - Ms. Good shared that most tribes do not have juvenile justice systems. When the youths break the law on the reservation, they go through traditional methods, such as peace circles.
  - J. Wald (ND) stated she is interested in seeing a statistical comparison between a tribe in a state that does not have juvenile justice assistance compared to tribes in states that do to compare the rates in recidivism and success.
  - J. Wald (ND) stated in the training, Ms. Good reiterated that a lot of the Native American youth do not live in traditional family settings.

- Ms. Good explained that the state government or state police can help manage the tribes in PL 280 states.

### Rules Committee

- Rules Committee Ambassador S. Lane (OH) reported that the Rules Committee last met on July 17, 2024 and approved the amendment proposals for Rule 4-102 and Rule 4-103.
- S. Lane (OH) stated the Rules Committee discussed a proposed amendment to the travel permit rule, 8-101, specifically notifying sex offenders regarding their registration requirements if they are traveling to a state with registration requirements for visits. The committee has tabled the proposal in order to redraft the language.
- Director Underwood shared that the Rules Committee expressed interest in adding information to the Commission's online sex offender matrix about whether states have rules related to travel during visits for sex offenders. She added that if states make changes to their sex offender notification or registration laws, to notify the National Office with the updated information.
- Director Underwood reported that the Rules Committee also discussed removing the phrase "best interest" from the ICJ Form III. The discussion was tabled.
- Director Underwood also shared that the Rules Committee had an initial discussion about modifying the juvenile rights form.

### Compliance Committee

- Director Underwood reported the Compliance Committee met on June 5, 2024 and discussed the idea of creating a new dashboard. The dashboard will help states monitor their compliance rates easily and help states visualize case management. The first dashboard is related to transfer of supervision cases.

### Unfinished Business

#### **Update on the Midwest Region's Request for UNITY Data**

- Representative Frieberg (SD) stated that preliminary data regarding UNITY data and concerns about juveniles living in the receiving state prior to the transfer of supervision has been gathered, but the data needs to be narrowed down more before it is presented. He would like to have that information compiled before ABM so it can be discussed at the meeting.

### New Business

- There was no new business to discuss.

### Next Steps

- Representative Frieberg (SD) reminded members to register for ABM and submit a nomination for Midwest Region representative.
- J. Wald (ND) reminded members to register for the Alabama Dinner Cruise.
- The next meeting will be held during the Annual Business Meeting in Mobile Alabama on September 24, 2024 @ 3:30 p.m. CT.

### Adjourn

**Representative Frieberg (SD) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:40 a.m. ET.**