

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Regional Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

11:00 a.m. ET

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Representative J. Rader (NE) 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. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner, Midwest Regional Representative
2. Curtis Hamstra (IA), Commissioner
3. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
4. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
5. Chris Biehn (IN), Commissioner
6. Fareeda Washington (KS), Designee
7. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
8. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
9. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
10. Sasaun Lane (OH), Commissioner
11. Chuck Frieberg (SD), Commissioners

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. Cheryl Frost (SD)
11. Jennifer McFadden (WI)

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner, Alternate Region Representative
2. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner
3. Megan Milner (KS), 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. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

Agenda

T. Hudrlik (MN) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. C. Frieberg (SD) seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Minutes

T. Frierson (IL) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 20, 2024. M. Tymkew (MI) seconded the motion. IN abstained. The motion passed.

Check-ins

Representative Rader (NE) opened the meeting by asking members to introduce themselves, describe the city they live in, and share a fall tradition.

Hot Topics from “ICJ Updates”

- [Fact Sheet on ICJ Returns and Non-Delinquent Runaways](#)
 - Representative Rader (NE) shared that the fact sheet discusses when ICJ runaway rules apply and when law enforcement is required to pick up runaways.
- [2024 Annual Report](#) distribution to state stakeholders
 - Representative Rader (NE) recommended distributing the *2024 Annual Report* to local stakeholders. The *2024 Annual Report* is also available in a digital version.
- Wednesday Workshop Live Training Session
 - National Runaway Safeline on October 30, 2024
 - The Wednesday Workshop was recorded and is now available on TalentLMS.
 - Series will resume in January 2025

Unfinished Business

Continue discussion on concerns and potential terminology changes related to “Form III Hearings” (consent to voluntarily return) and use of “detained” in Rule 6-103 Raised by IL

- Representative Rader (NE) shared that this issue was raised by Illinois at the meeting on September 24, 2024.
- T. Frierson (IL) stated she recommended changing the terms “detained” and “in custody” to ensure ICJ requirements are applied to all youths who are picked up by law enforcement officers.
- Representative Rader (NE) recommended referring this issue to the Work Group on Non-Delinquent Runaways. T. Frierson (IL) agreed to write up a statement of concerns to be submitted to the Work Group on Non-Delinquent Runaways.
- Director Underwood stated that the minutes from the Midwest Regional Meeting on September 24, 2024, could also be submitted to the Work Group on Non-Delinquent Runaways.

New Business

Determine whether to support proposed amendment to Rule 4-104

- Representative Rader (NE) presented a proposed rule amendment to add a new paragraph to the Rule 4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision. The change to Rule 4-104 would be to add: “A receiving state that is unable to enforce any condition of supervision imposed by the sending state shall notify the sending state of its inability to enforce the condition(s) by documenting on the Form VIII, Home Evaluation Report.”
 - The proposed provision appears in the Interstate Compact on Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) Rules. Representative Rader (NE) asked if this provision is effective for adults and would it be effective for juveniles.

- C. Frieberg (SD) stated that it is a good addition to add to Rule 4-104 and that the additional paragraph would be helpful in transferring juveniles.
- Representative Rader (NE) highlighted the “Problem Statement” and “Success Statement” that were included in the “Justification” section of the rule amendment proposal:
 - Problem Statement: The ICJ Rules do not currently require a receiving state to notify the sending state if any condition of supervision cannot be enforced. As a result, the sending state may assume all conditions will be enforced upon acceptance of supervision, and oftentimes do not learn of the receiving state’s inability to enforce conditions until a Form IX- quarterly Progress Report or Form IX- Violation Report is submitted by the receiving state. Consequently, the current process lacks the transparency needed for the sending state to determine whether the best interests of the youth can be served in the receiving state as the ability of the receiving state to enforce certain conditions may directly affect decisions made by the sending state regarding the proposed transfer of supervision. Additionally, the sending state authority does not have the opportunity to determine if a condition may be removed from the order.
 - Success Statement: The receiving state will document in the Form VIII – Home Evaluation any conditions of supervision that cannot be enforced, resulting in the sending state having the ability to make informed decisions regarding the youth. The sending state will be able to more easily determine whether the best interests of the youth can be served in the receiving state and take such actions as: waiving certain conditions if deemed non-essential, assuming financial responsibility for non-treatment services if payment is a barrier or deciding to not allow the proposed relocation. The Commission could assess the overall success of the amendment through a qualitative analysis.
- **C. Frierson (SD) made a motion to refer the proposed amendment to Rule 4-104 to the Rules Committee. J. Wald (ND) seconded. The motion passed.**
- Representative J. Rader (NE) shared that the purpose of the “Problem Statement” and “Success Statement” were to clearly outline the problem.

Next Steps

- Representative Rader (NE) announced that the Midwest Region is represented on every committee except for the Finance Committee. Anyone who would like to serve on the Finance Committee should contact the National Office.
- Representative Rader (NE) asked Midwest Region members to leave any suggestions for future discussion topics at future meetings in the chat box on the Zoom meeting.

Adjourn

T. Frierson (IL) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Frieberg seconded (SD). Representative Rader (NE) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:45 a.m. ET.