

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Region Meeting



November 16, 2022
Meeting Minutes
11:00 a.m. ET
Via Zoom

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner, Region Representative
2. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
3. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
4. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
5. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner
6. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
7. Sasaun Lane (OH), Commissioner

Commissioners/Designees not in Attendance:

1. Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Commissioner
2. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
3. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner
4. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Holly Kassube (IL)
2. Angel Jones (IL)
3. Nataly Sevilla (IN)
4. April Simmons (IN)
5. Liz Wilson (KS)
6. Fareeda Washington (KS)
7. Rebecca Hillestead (MN)
8. Abbie Christian (NE)
9. Cheryl Frost (SD)

Guest in Attendance:

None

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Jenny Adkins, Policy and Operations Specialist
3. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
4. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

Representative Frieberg (SD) approved the agenda as presented by acclamation without objection.

Minutes

Representative Frieberg (SD) approved the October 4, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected by acclamation without objection.

Discussion

ICJ Rules Year 2023

- Representative Frieberg (SD) opened the floor for input regarding any potential rule proposals, as 2023 is a rules year. The deadline to submit a proposal to the ICJ Rules Committee is February 28, 2023. No issues or suggestions were raised.

Midwest Compact Staff Updates

- Representative Frieberg updated on staff changes in the Midwest Region.

OHIO

- Representative Frieberg welcomed the new Ohio Commissioner, Susaun Lane, to her first ICJ Midwest Region meeting.

WISCONSIN

- Joy Swantz is no longer with the Wisconsin Compact office. Commissioner Gerber is handling ICJ matters while looking to fill the Deputy Compact Administrator position.

KANSAS

- L. Wilson (KS) updated that Commissioner Hope Cooper has left the agency and the Commissioner position is currently vacant.
- Matt Billinger has taken a new position and is no longer with the Kansas CICJ Office, and Fareeda Washington has filled the Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA) position.
- F. Washington (KS) shared a little about herself noting that she is currently working with both the adult and juvenile compacts in Kansas.

State Updates / Concerns

- C. Frieberg (SD) called for any state updates or concerns.

Indiana

- N. Wright (IN) updated that Angie Hensley is no longer with their division and Nataly Sevilla (IN) is the new Compact Specialist, replacing Ian Doyle.

Nebraska

- A. Christian (NE) updated that Colorado Commissioner Summer Foxworth is retiring this week. Brooke Montelongo is the new DCA. She noted that Summer wished to encourage Midwest Region Members to welcome and reach out to her.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- N. Wright (IN) shared a return case wherein both Compact states were concerned for the best interest of the non-delinquent juvenile. The juvenile was placed in secure detention, then was taken to a hospital because of concerns related to suicide. An Indiana judge suggested the Commission should increase states latitude to determine suitable placements on a case-by-case basis to avoid further trauma.
- Director Underwood commented that the rules allow juveniles to be held in secured facilities not necessarily a secured detention facility. N. Wright (IN) explained that working within the time frame to return a juvenile, limits the secure facilities.
- J. Rader (NE) commented that research shows a negative impact to both juveniles and adults from being housed in secure detention. The positive in this situation was that both states were in agreement to do what was in the best interest of the juvenile. Often times the two states are in communication to reach a joint decision to do what is in the best interest of the youth.
- Representative Freiberg offered his assistance to N. Wright (IN) should Indiana wish to propose language for a proposed rule amendment.

Adjourn

Representative C. Frieberg adjourned the by acclamation without objection at 11:26 a.m. ET.