

**Interstate Commission for Juveniles
Compliance Committee
10/21/09**

In Attendance

1. Dennis Casarona (KS) Commissioner, Treasurer
2. Michael Ruedisale (MI) Commissioner
3. Judy Miller (AR) Designee
4. Summer Foxworth (CO) Commissioner, Chair
5. Nancy Allard (SD) Commissioner
6. Crady DeGolian CSG
7. Ashley Lippert (ICJ) Executive Director

Roll Call

- Crady DeGolian called the roll.
 - Five of six committee members were present. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

- Chair Foxworth requested a motion to approve the agenda
 - Judy Miller moved to approve the agenda, Michael Ruedisale seconded. The Committee approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- Chair Foxworth requested to approve minutes from their previous meeting.
 - Dennis Casarona made the motion to approve minutes, Judy Miller seconded. Judy Miller requested to change “if” to “of” in the 9/16/2009 minutes, the minutes were approved as amended.

Policy Review

ICJ Compliance Draft Policy 2-2009

- Chair Foxworth asked for policy review feedback.
 - Chair Foxworth initiated review of Donna Bonner’s recommended changes.
 - Committee reviewed Donna’s suggested changing of “investigation” to “resolution process” in the header.
 - Chair Foxworth postponed discussion of this change until she has an opportunity to consult Donna regarding rationale.

- Ashley recommended striking the sentence “by the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and the ICJ By-Laws” for simplicity in the 1st paragraph under “Authority”.
 - The Committee agreed.
- Donna recommended referring to the Compact as “ICJ” and the Commission as “ICJ Commission”.
 - Judy recommended using the acronym “ICJ” to refer to the Compact because that is the common usage.
 - Mike Ruedisale agreed.
- Ashley advised that the Commission is the governing body between states and the Compact is the agreement, and she stated that the Compact language uses “ICJ” to refer to the Commission.
 - Judy added that she thinks the words “Compact” and “Commission” should always be used for clarity.
 - Nancy thought it was a training issue.
 - Mike Ruedisale thought that Ashley’s point was that the Commission will be more visible than the Compact.
 - Judy Miller thought that “ICJ” was already established as an acronym for the Compact.
 - Judy supported referring to the Commission as “the Commission” and preferred “the Commission” to “ICJ Commission”.
- The Committee elected to refer to the commission as “the Commission.”
- Dennis noted that the first sentence of the document identified the Commission as “ICJ.”
 - Ashley added that for consistency with this document and the compact, using “ICJ” to refer to the Commission is preferable.
 - Mike and Judy supported consistency.
- Mike Ruedisale recommended removing “national” in front of “Commission” in the first paragraph under “Applicability” because it was unnecessary.
 - The Committee accepted the change.
- Ashley recommended changing the first paragraph under “Applicability” Section II from “This policy applies to signatory states to the ICJ and Commissioners appointed to represent those states to the ICJ” to “This policy applies to ICJ signatory states and its appointed Commissioners.”
 - Committee agreed with Ashley’s change.
 - Chair indicated Donna recommended removing redundant “the” in the second sentence of the Policy section, which Crady had already changed.
 - Committee agreed to change.
 - Committee decided to remove “vacant” items in “c.” of Section III to prevent making future changes to the document.

ICJ Compliance Draft Policy 1-2009

- Donna suggested referring to “the Commission” as only “ICJ,” without first spelling out the acronym.
 - The Committee decided to keep both the full name and acronym in the first sentence of the document.
- Crady added that the only update made by Donna that is not updated on the screen is the insertion of “commission” between ICJ and administrative draft policy.
 - Committee agreed to omit this change, in accordance with established standards.
- Committee elected to ignore change of “persistent violations of the Compact” to “persistent violations of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles,” which Donna recommended.
 - Committee proceeded to refer to the Compact as the “the Compact” rather than “ICJ” or “Interstate Compact for Juveniles” in the rest of the document.
- Dennis Cassarona asked the Committee if their understanding of “the Compliance Committee shall review and/or investigate all allegations of noncompliance...” was that the Committee has the option of not investigating every allegation.
 - The Committee confirmed that interpretation.

ICJ Administrative Policy 3-2009

- The Committee removed a reference to a diagram that was no longer part of the document.
- Dennis Casarona noted that Draft Policy Number 1-2009 suggests it became active when Level 5 is reached, which does not properly correspond to the guidelines in the levels.
 - Ashley noted that the sentence referencing Level 5 is not necessary to use and understand the policy, and it could be removed to resolve the issue.
 - The Committee agreed with Ashley and elected to strike the reference from Draft Policy Number 1-2009.
- Chair Foxworth asked the Committee if these are the final 3 policies they wanted to send to the Executive Committee and then the body.
 - The Committee agreed.
- Chair Foxworth noted that the next meeting is scheduled for November 18th, 2009 at 3 pm EST.
- Chair asked if there was any old business to go over.
 - Judy Miller asked if these policies have been compared with a draft of the rules.
 - Chair Foxworth had made that comparison.
 - Chair Foxworth inquired about the disclaimer regarding compliance with the rules.
 - Crady noted that Rick Masters had inserted the language in Section 400.

- Judy Miller added that Rick’s addition doesn’t specifically mention compliance rules or compliance policy.
 - Crady added that Rick Masters left it broader to prevent any “boxing in.”
 - Judy Miller inquired about Section 8-102, asking whether the mediator was defined as an investigator.
 - Chair Foxworth indicated that the mediators would have a different role than the investigator.
 - Judy recommended further clarification for terms referencing “mediators” and “contract consultants”.
 - Chair Foxworth did not think that the change was necessary.

Closing Business

- Chair Foxworth noted that Sharon Harrigfeld was nominated as the Commissioner from Idaho, and she had asked to join the Compliance Committee.
 - Chair Foxworth added that Larry Callicutt from Idaho has also expressed interest in being an investigator.
 - Ashley Lippert notified the committee that 8 states had not paid their dues and noted that Mississippi and Illinois, of those 8 states, were expected to pay soon.
 - She would like to follow up with the other 6 states to resolve those issues before taking disciplinary action.
- Chair Foxworth asked for clarification on when the states became delinquent.
 - Ashley Lippert noted that delinquency began on July 30th.
- Chair Foxworth believed the states had received 3 notices.
 - Crady DeGolian confirmed that in some cases, states had received 4 notices.
 - Crady, John Mountjoy, and Rick Masters had sent out 3 notices to delinquent states and a fourth notice to original member states that were delinquent.
- Chair indicated the committee’s will to have the policies sent to the Executive Committee.

Adjournment

- Chair announced the next meeting will be on November 18th at 3 pm EST and adjourned the meeting.