

Interstate Commission for Juveniles
Rules Committee Conference Call
2/11/2008

In Attendance:

- 1) Andrea McMahon (VA) Designee
- 2) Billie Greer (IL) Designee
- 3) Traci Marchand (NC) Commissioner
- 4) Dawn Melzo (WA) Designee
- 5) Randall Wagner (WV) Ex-Officio for Make Lacy
- 6) Gary Hartman (WY) Commissioner, Committee Chair
- 7) Brent Buerck (MO) Commissioner
- 7) Andy Snook (ID) Ex-Officio
- 8) Crady deGolian – CSG

- Gary Hartman started by asking if everybody had an opportunity to review minutes from the 2/6/09 conference call.
 - Everybody had and the minutes were adopted.
 - Web site will be changed to reflect this.
- Gary Hartman next took a few minutes to review last week's call. He wanted to make sure everyone thought reviewing and tweaking the existing AJCA rules was a good starting point.
 - Brent Buerck agreed. He thought the existing rules would provide an excellent framework for the group.
 - As did Andy Snook and Andrea McMahon.
- Chair Hartman then suggested that working through the entire rules as a group could become very time consuming and tedious.
 - After reviewing the existing rules, he concluded there are 9 separate categories. Gary also noted those nine categories do not include any new rules that may need to be drafted.
 - Gary thought the most efficient way to approach this process was to break up into smaller sub-committees and divide the sections among the different sub-committees.
 - After the sub-committees finished with the different sections the entire committee would then meet to review and discuss.
 - Gary did point out that it would still be essential for the entire committee to get together on a regular basis.
 - Gary asked for comments from the group about that suggestion.
 - Billie Greer thought this was a very good idea.
 - Brent Buerck agreed, though he did point out that there was a clear difference between juveniles and adults and the rules needed to reflect that difference.

- Gary agreed. His thought was that there is standard language in both the adult compact and the existing AJCA rules. Thought this would provide the group with a good starting point.
- Brent Buerck raised a question about how this process would ultimately play out.
 - Gary Hartman thought it was best for the committee to reach agreement on a draft set of rules and then present them to the entire commission at the next annual meeting.
 - The committee thought this approach would work.
- Chair Hartman next raised the question about how to proceed, realizing everyone on the committee has other full-time responsibilities.
 - Gary thought it would be best for each committee member to decide which sub-committees they would like to participate on.
 - Also asked if two weeks was too soon to get back together.
 - Dawn Melzo and Billie Greer each thought two weeks was not enough time for each of the sub-committees to finish their assigned sections.
 - Gary suggested that the entire committee get back together March 11.
 - Everybody thought that was reasonable.
 - Will begin review as a full body on March 11. Gary did not expect to be able to complete the review process in one hour and suggested the committee be prepared to meet March 25 to continue to the review process.
- Gary Hartman next opened the floor to discussion about sub-committee assignments.
 - Gary requested to work on Section 1 (Definitions), Section 4 (Transfer of Supervision), and Section 5 (Supervision in Receiving State).
 - Brent Buerck and Dawn Melzo agreed to work with Gary on that sub-committee
 - Andy Snook volunteered to work through section 6 (Returns and Rendition of Juveniles)
 - Traci Marchand and Brent Buerck agreed to work with Andy on this section.
 - Andrea McMahon and Andy Snook agreed to work on Section 7 (Adoption and Amendment of Rules).
 - Andy Snook and Billie Greer agreed to take Section 8 (Dispute Resolution)
- Gary also suggested leaving Section 2 (General Provisions) and Section 3 (Forms) until the end.
 - He thought it would be easiest to have everything else finished before addressing those two sections.
- Andy did question if all of the existing rules were applicable to the new compact. He did not want to assign a subsection that ultimately will not be covered by the new rules.
 - Gary noted that this might be an issue, but thought most of the existing rules would apply in some form or other.

- Chair Hartman next raised the question about how to address specific issues addressed in the new compact language that are not addressed in the old compact.
 - Gary noted several issues, including how to best handle disabled children, expediting the payment of dues, outlining commissioner responsibilities, and how to deal with non-member states under the new rules.
 - Brent Buerck suggested that the committee may be able to address the dues issue by borrowing the language used in the adult compact.
 - Group concluded it may be best to defer this until the work of the different sub-committees is finished.
- Andy Snook pointed out that the sub-committees will likely expand because of the number of committee members not on today's call.
- Committee next addressed different administrative issues.
 - Group decided Crady deGolian will serve as a central hub for distribution.
 - Work of the various sub-committees will come to him and then be circulated to the entire committee for review via e-mail.
 - Brent Buerck also suggested using one running document throughout the process. Suggested using bold font when inserting new language and striking through the existing language to make it easier for everyone to follow along.
 - Andy also suggested we might consider limiting the number of people per sub-committee to four people.
 - Group agreed with each of these ideas.
- Traci Marchand raised the issue of a vice chair, which Chair Hartman had discussed during the last meeting.
 - Billie Greer suggested the committee hold off on selecting a vice chair until a later date.
 - Committee agreed.