



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

East Region Meeting

Minutes

September 11, 2018

2018 Annual Business Meeting in New Orleans

1:30 p.m. CT

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Becki Moore (MA) East Region Representative
2. Tasha Hunt (CT) Commissioner
3. Francis Casey (DE) Designee
4. *Roy Curtis (ME) Designee
5. Pam Leonard (NH) Commissioner
6. Kevin Brown (NJ) Commissioner
7. Francesco Bianco, Jr. (NY) Designee
8. Wendy Lautsbaugh (PA) Commissioner
9. JoAnn Niksa (RI) Designee
10. Eavey-Monique James (VI) Commissioner
11. Barbara Joyal (VT) Commissioner
12. *Patricia Casanova (VT) Designee

*voting representative for the region meeting

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Jason Criscio (CT)
2. Caitlyn Bickford (NH)
3. Candice Alfonso (NJ)
4. Kelly Palmateer (NY)
5. Walwyn Vaughn (VI)

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Emma Goode, Administrative and Training Specialist

Call to Order

Representative Moore called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. CT.

Roll Call

E. Goode from the National Office called the roll and stated that quorum was established.

Agenda

P. Casanova (VT) made a motion approve the agenda. J. Niksa (RI) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

- The region discovered discrepancies in the minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting noting that the minutes appeared to be merged with the March 28 meeting minutes.
- **P. Leonard (NH) made a motion to table approval of the June 21, 2018 meeting minutes until the next meeting. P. Casanova (VT) seconded. The motion passed.**

Discussion

Executive Committee Updates

- The Executive Committee met yesterday, Monday, September 10. Updates will be provided at the next region meeting.

Proposed Rule Amendments for 2019

- Representative Moore opened the floor for preliminary discussion of East Region rule proposals. The deadline to present proposals to the Rules Committee is January 15, 2019.

Home Evaluation Proposal

- Discussion began with a comment that the ICJ Rules are silent regarding home evaluations with regard to uncooperative families and home evaluations.
- Representative Moore noted it had been discussed previously how to better foster addressing the non-cooperative parent in the receiving state.
- T. Casanova (VT) and J Niksa (RI) agreed they would be interested in a rule proposal/amendment to include language around the parent/legal guardian's ability to supervise the child under circumstances that would not prohibit that, such as incarceration. Also mentioned were possible modifications to a form and/or something that the parent/family member in the receiving state is "committed" to the process demonstrating their willingness and ability as the guardian.

Information provided prior to transfer acceptance (referral packet)

- K. Palmateer (NY) updated that New York Commissioner Poole has requested that the proposals submitted in 2017 by New York through the East Region be modified to address concerns and re-submitted for 2019.
- K. Palmateer (NY) provided a broad overview of the proposals submitted and general concerns of the Rules Committee and Commission not to support the proposals.
- The issue is that when a referral packet is sent, there is a period of time prior to the transfer acceptance that the juvenile in in the receiving state without sufficient information about the juvenile, conditions, expectations, etc. The rule amendment proposals were to require "reporting instructions" as well as "case updates" to be sent with all transfer requests to adequately reflect the most recent progress and conditions.
- There was a consensus that a smaller group of East Region members would discuss the two issues and work on specific proposed language for the East Region to review at their next meeting.
- Representative Moore will email after the annual meeting to set up a time and date for the initial meeting. The goal is to have a couple region meetings prior to the January 2019 deadline.

Officer Nominations

- Representative Moore opened the floor for nominations for the ICJ 2019 Officers positions.

TREASURER

- **K. Brown (NJ) nominated Peter Sprengelmeyer (OR) for Treasurer. P. Casanova (VT) seconded. The motion passed.**

VICE CHAIR

- **J. Niksa (RI) nominated Natalie Dalton (VA) for Vice Chair. K. Brown (NJ) seconded. The motion passed.**

CHAIR

- **P. Casanova (VT) nominated Anne Connor (ID) for Chair. P. Leonard (NH) seconded. The motion passed.**

Election of East Region Representative

- Representative Moore opened the floor for nominations for East Regional Representative for the 2019-2020 term.
- **P. Casanova (VT) nominated Becki Moore for East Region Representative. J. Niksa (RI) seconded. The motion passed.**

States Updates

- T. Hunt (CT) new Commissioner introduced herself and updated on the recent departmental changes in her state.
- F. Casey (DE) reported that ICJ Director Underwood attended and presented at the Delaware State Council meeting August 30, 2018. The presence and presentation were well received and of great assistance with the State Council.
- P. Leonard (NH) updated that she will be stepping down as the New Hampshire ICJ Commissioner and Caitlyn Bickford, DCA, will be appointed.
- K. Brown (NJ) updated on the New Jersey state council appointments and expanded ICJ trainings with the New Jersey probation and parole divisions.
- K. Palmateer (NY) updated on the New York State Council meeting in July noting there have been new appointments to their state council membership.
- W. Lautsbaugh (PA) reported a Pennsylvania State Council meeting.
- J. Niksa (RI) reported awaiting the new Commissioner appointment for Kevin McKenna. Additionally, she has recommended that she be appointed the full-time designee for ICJ matters.
- E.M. James (VI) reported and introduced new staff Vaughn Walwyn and the ongoing efforts in the Virgin Islands of agencies interaction.

Old Business

None

New Business

- R. Curtis (ME) questioned the process to request changes to forms and ask for input from region members on how they are addressing signature on the Form IA/VI. E. Goode updated on the process to change form. Region members provided answers to his question.

Adjourn

Representative Moore adjourned by acclamation without objection at 2:41 p.m. CT.