

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes



January 21, 2022

1:00 p.m. ET

Via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Tasha Hunt (CT), Chair
2. Nina Belli (OR), Vice Chair
3. Sherry Jones (MD), Treasurer
4. Jacey Rader (NE), Immediate Past Chair and Compliance Committee Chair
5. Kellianne Torres (IA), Information Technology Committee Chair
6. Nate Lawson (OH), Training Committee Chair
7. Becki Moore (MA), East Region Representative
8. Chuck Frieberg (SD), Midwest Region Representative
9. Daryl Liedecke (TX), South Region Representative
10. Michael Farmer (CA), West Region Representative
11. Nataki Brown (SC), Victims Representative

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

1. Corrie Copeland (TN), Finance Committee Chair
2. Stephen Horton (NC), Rules Committee Chair

Guests in Attendance:

1. None

National Office Staff and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
4. Joe Johnson, Systems Project Manager
5. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
6. Rick Masters, Legal Counsel

Call to Order

Chair Hunt (CT) called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

S. Jones (MD) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. B. Moore (MA) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

Spring Meeting (March 22-23, 2022) Lexington KY

- Tasha thanked everyone for attending the meeting on short notice to discuss the ICJ Executive Committee Extended Spring Meeting scheduled for March 22-23, 2022 at the Marriott Center City in Lexington, Kentucky. She shared concerns with regard to conducting the meeting in-person. Due to the COVID pandemic variants, ongoing outbreaks, and restrictions, a survey was issued to gather input from Executive Committee members regarding their comfort and ability to attend a face-to-face meeting in Lexington, Kentucky in March.
- Director Underwood shared the comments and results of the survey answered by 11 Executive Committee members. She added that 7 are required for a quorum.
 - Q1. Do you plan to attend?
 - 8 replied Yes
 - 3 replied Unsure
 - Q2. Would you prefer to meet in-person or virtually?
 - 65% replied In Person
 - 36% replied Virtually
 - Q3. Have you purchased an airline ticket to attend the meeting?
 - 82% replied No
 - 18% replied Yes, but funds can be re-couped
- Chair Hunt shared COVID-19 concerns to an in-person meeting in March:
 - COVID is unpredictable and states are again seeing spikes;
 - Kentucky is currently at a 31 percent positivity rate;
 - Kentucky does not have a mask mandate, as some states do; and
 - achieving quorum may become a challenge.
- While her preference is to return to an in-person meeting, numerous variables and guidelines must be considered to safely conduct a meeting.
- Director Underwood shared a “pros and cons” list related to face-to-face meetings, which was first developed with the annual business meeting in mind.
- Emphasizing that her preference is to meet in person, Chair Hunt shared that she made a decision to conduct the extended meeting virtually in March, due to the variants and uncertainties.
- Past Chair Rader (NE) expressed her appreciation to Chair Hunt for her due diligence and leadership in making this hard decision.
- S. Jones (MD) honored her leadership in making this difficult decision, noting COVID illness can turn around quickly.
- Chair Hunt (CT) proposed a 3-day virtual meeting agenda for consideration, which will start later in the day in consideration of the West coast time zone and half-day meetings will help reduce “Zoom fatigue.”
 - Day 1 – Regular Executive Committee Meeting
 - Day 2 – Implementation Science Training
 - Day 3 – Strategic Planning
- J. Rader (NE) expanded on the “Implementation Science” training she will present on Day 2, and promises it to be both educational and fun.

- C. Frieberg (SD) supported the 3-day schedule, noting members planned to be out of the office any way to travel.
- B. Moore (MA) suggested a virtual team building session be added to the agenda similar to the ones at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting. Director Underwood will look into the options for Day 1, after the Executive Committee meeting.
- M. Farmer (CA) noted he will not be available to participate due to a prior commitment; however, if that changes, he will attend and appreciated not starting the days at 8:00 a.m. PST.
- N. Brown (SC), Victims Representative commented she will not be available to participate on Day 3 (strategic planning) and looks forward to receiving the updated strategic plan.

Adjourn

Chair Hunt adjourned by meeting by unanimous consent without objection at 1:35 p.m. ET.