INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2023

12:00 noon ET Via Zoom



Committee Members in Attendance:

- 1. Nina Belli (OR), Chair
- 2. Julie Hawkins (MO), Vice Chair
- 3. Sherry Jones (MD), Treasurer and Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair
- 4. Tasha Hunt (CT), Immediate Past Chair
- 5. Jacey Rader (NE), Compliance Committee Chair
- 6. Corrie Copeland (TN), Training Committee Chair
- 7. Stephen Horton (NC), Rules Committee Chair
- 8. Caitlyn Bickford (NH), East Region Representative
- 9. Chuck Frieberg (SD), Midwest Region Representative
- 10. Felicia Dauway (SC), South Region Representative
- 11. Howard Wykes (AZ), West Region Representative
- 12. Nataki Brown, Victims Representative

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

- 1. Dale Dodd (NM), Finance Committee Chair
- 2. Kellianne Torres (IA), Information Technology Committee Chair

Guest in Attendance:

1. A. Roy Curtis (ME), Vice Chair Technology Committee

National Office Staff and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

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

Call to Order

Commission Chair N. Belli (OR) called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon ET.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

C. Copeland (TN) made a motion to approve the agenda. F. Dauway (SC) seconded. Chair Belli (OR) indicated the agenda was approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Minutes

S. Horton (NC) made a motion to approve the April 27, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. J. Hawkins (MO) seconded. Chair Belli (OR) indicated the minutes were approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Commission Chair Report by Nina Belli (OR)

Self-Care

- Chair Belli (OR) spoke to the importance of self-care noting the Compact's work can be stressful at times. She encouraged members to be proactive with their self-care and shared a YouTube link to a box breathing exercise.
- Chair Belli also talked about implementation science and receiving feedback from others is key. She suggested that the Committee Chairs and Region Representatives consider checking in with the membership to see how they are doing and mention the importance of self-care. The Commission leaders are there to provide support and guidance should members desire to talk or provide feedback.

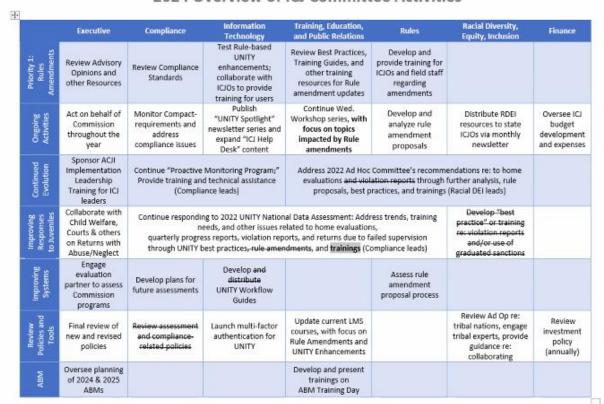
Committee Activities for FY24

Chair Belli opened the floor for input to the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Committee Activities chart shared in the April meeting. The blue blocks indicate items for consideration to be moved to Committee Activities for FY25. The remaining blocks are items in progress from FY23.

	Executive	Compliance	Information Technology	Training, Education, and Public Relations	Rules	Racial Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	Finance	
Priority 1: Rules Amendments	Review Advisory Opinions and other Resources	Review Compliance Standards	Test Rule-based UNITY enhancements; collaborate with ICJOs to provide training for users	Review Best Practices, Training Guides, and other training resources for Rule amendment updates	Develop and provide training for ICJOs and field staff regarding amendments			
Ongoing Activities	Act on behalf of Commission throughout the year	Monitor Compact- requirements and address compliance issues	Publish "UNITY Spotlight" newsletter series and expand "ICJ Help Desk" content	Continue Wed. Workshop series to support in-state trainings by ICJOs	Develop and analyze rule amendment proposals	Distribute RDEI resources to state ICJOs via monthly newsletter	Oversee ICJ budget development and expenses	
Continued Evolution	Sponsor ACJI Implementation Leadership Training for ICJ leaders	Provide training an	Monitoring Program;" d technical assistance ance leads)	Address 2022 Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations re: to home evaluations and violation reports through further analysis, rule proposals, best practices, and trainings (Racial DEI leads)				
Improving Responses to Juveniles	Collaborating with Child Welfare on Returns with Abuse/Neglect	Conduct 2024 assessment or continue responding to 2022 UNITY National Data Assessment: Address trends, training needs, and other issues related to home evaluations, quarterly progress reports, violation reports, and returns due to failed supervision through UNITY best practices, rule amendments, and trainings (Compliance leads) Develop "best practice" or training re: violation reports and/or use of graduated sanctions						
Improving Systems	Engage evaluation partner to assess Commission programs	Develop plans for future assessments and responding to state council reports	Develop and distribute UNITY Workflow Guides		Assess rule amendment proposal process	Collaborate with Justice System Partnership for Racial Equity		
Review Policies and Tools	Final review of new and revised policies	Review assessment and compliance- related policies	Launch multi-factor authentication for UNITY	Update current LMS courses, with focus on Rule Amendments and UNITY Enhancements		Review Ad Op re: tribal nations, engage tribal experts, provide guidance re: collaborating	Review investment policy (annually)	
ABM	Oversee planning of 2024 & 2025 ABMs			Develop and present trainings on ABM Training Day				

2024 Overview of ICJ Committee Activities

- C. Frieberg (SD) supported retaining the Racial DEI Committee activity related to tribal nations explaining there are multiple tribes and barriers to penetrate so the progress would be slow.
- S. Jones (MD), Racial DEI Committee Chair, commented that the committee has discussed identifying a tribal law expert to consult with and supported retaining the activity in FY 24. Additionally, she suggested that postponed developing Best Practices or training on violation reports and/or use of graduated sanctions until FY 25.
- J. Rader (NE) supported moving the review assessment and compliance-related policies activity to FY 25.
- R. Curtis (ME) commented that Technology Committee will need more time to develop workflow guides; therefore, distribution could be postponed until FY 25.
- The Executive Committee discussed and reached a consensus to amend the chart as noted below:



2024 Overview of ICJ Committee Activities

 J. Hawkins (MO) made a made a motion to approve the 2024 Overview of ICJ Committee Activities as amended. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion passed.

National Office Report by MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director

State Staff Updates

- CALIFORNIA
 - Director Underwood met with the newly appointed California Commissioner,
 Marvin Speed. He plans to be actively involved with the Commission. A

designee has not been appointed at this time. Additionally, Mike Farmer (CA) plans to retire June 30, 2023.

IOWA

 A letter from the Commission's legal counsel was sent to the Governor of lowa regarding the Commissioner, which has lasted more than 90 days.
 Kellianne Torres (IA) continues as the lowa Designee.

Case Consultations

 Director Underwood provided an update on case consultations by the National Office.

Request for Interpretation of Rule 4-101

A commissioner requested and interpretation of ICJ Rule 4-101, regarding the requirement that states request a transfer of supervision for Compact eligible juveniles. Choosing to maintain supervision for a juvenile who meets ICJ eligibility criteria when that juvenile resides in a border state would clearly violate the Compact and could be grounds for a finding of default.

Return to Puerto Rico

 Puerto Rico is not a member of the Compact and therefore the ICJ does not apply for the return of a non-delinquent runaway.

Return by locals against advice of ICJO

The commissioners of two states reached out regarding a return when the actions of their locals went against the advice of the ICJO. A judge insisted on returning a juvenile with a pending warrant unaccompanied by air without following the ICJ procedures. The Compact offices were concerned that the youth was endangered as steps were not taken to ensure the juvenile was returned to a guardian. Suggestions included having their agency's legal counsel involved, and potentially filing a formal complaint based on actions of the local judge.

Runway fatality reported in the media

Following a media report of the fatality of a runaway, additional information was requested and it was discovered that the fatality occurred after the closure of a transfer of supervision case. There was no ICJ involvement at the time of death. The tragic incident illustrates the critical and stressful work of the Commission.

Survey of State Child Welfare & Returns

 Director Underwood reported that a survey regarding state child welfare and returns was emailed to ICJ office by the National Office on May 24. To spark the completion of the information, submitters may include their name at the end of the survey to be entered in a drawing for an ICJ prize.

State ICJ Appreciation Visits

 Director Underwood announced that the National Office staff will be conducting ICJ appreciation visits to various Compact offices. She explained the intent of

- the visit is to expand the staff's understanding of the Compact office to better serve the needs of the Commission.
- Chair Belli acknowledged and supported the idea.

Website Updates

- The After-Hours Contact Information Matrix is now live on the website and needs input by states. To date, only three submissions have been received.
- Region representatives are asked to include on the region meeting agendas.
- The website migration to the new vendor is nearing completion.

Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

- Director Underwood reported that the ICJ Fiscal Year 2023 ends June 30, 2023.
 In addition to the annual statistics and information, the <u>2023 Annual Report</u> will focus on the work of the Compact and include juvenile success stories.
- A few states commented that they could not share information about a juvenile due to their state's laws around confidentiality. Rick Masters advised that a properly worded waiver signed by the juvenile would make publication of information legally permissible.
- States will confer with their state leaders and let the National Office know of any Juveniles who may be willing to share their stories.

2023 National Symposium on Juvenile Services Workshop

- The 2023 National Symposium on Juvenile Services is sponsored by the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS). The event will occur October 2-6, 2023 in the Chicago area. An ICJ presentation proposal was submitted and accepted. The session is entitled: "Homeward Bound: Returning Youth through ICJ" and will be presented by: Jessica Wald (ND) and Holly Kassube (IL).
- Additionally, the NPJS recently appointed Juan (John) Sepulveda, of Birmingham, Alabama, to serve as the ICJ Ex Officio member.

New York Times Reporter

Director Underwood reported on her conversation with a <u>New York Times</u> Reporter in Maine. The inquiry was related to the transfer of juveniles to out-ofstate residential treatment centers. Director Underwood explained the work of the ICJ and directed her to the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC).

Committee Reports

Compliance Committee Report by Jacey Rader (NE)

 Compliance Committee Chair J. Rader (NE) reported that the Compliance Committee met April 20 and presented the following update from the meeting.

Resources

 From the FY22 UNITY Data Assessment findings, the Compliance Committee agreed to develop a new resource and update an existing resource to assist states in the areas of Violation Reports and Intrastate Relocations.

- Chair Rader provided highlights of the new resource: "Training Bulletin on Violation Reports." There were no questions or suggestions.
- C. Frieberg (SD) made a motion to refer the "Training Bulletin on Violation Reports" as recommended by the Compliance Committee to the Training Committee for publication. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion passed.
- Chair Rader provided highlights of the updated resource: "Best Practice on Intrastate Relocations." The Best Practice was originally developed April 14, 2017. The update proposed is to add a new sentence added in the fourth paragraph which states: "This does not alleviate the receiving state's responsibility to submit quarterly progress reports within the required timeframe."
- There were no questions or suggestions.
- H. Wykes (AZ) made a motion to approve for publication the "Best Practice on Intrastate Relocations" as submitted by the Compliance Committee. C. Bickford (NH) seconded. The motion passed.

<u>Technology Committee Rule Proposals</u>

The Compliance Committee received an update that the Technology Committee accepted the recommendations by the Rules Committee and the Rules Committee supported the proposal with the modifications.

Promoting Proactive Monitoring

The Compliance Committee discussed the UNITY rollout evaluation. The Compliance Committee agreed to pause the July – September UNITY maintenance tasks and to delay a new annual data assessment, in large part to avoid overwhelming member.

2022 State Council Report

- Compliance Committee Chair Rader (NE) presented the "2022 ICJ State Council Report" recommended for publication. The publication does not include state names due to confidentiality. Aligning to the implementation science mode of leadership, she directly contacted the three states that reported no state council established in 2022.
- H. Wykes (AZ) made a motion to approve the "2022 State Council Report" as presented for publication. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion passed.

Next Meeting

The Compliance Committee will meet again July 20, 2023.

Information Technology Committee Report by A. Roy Curtis (ME)

- Technology Committee Vice Chair Curtis (ME) reported that the Technology Committee met May 9, 2023.
- The three comments about the Technology Committee's proposed amendment to Rule 5-103 and new Rule 5-103A were reviewed.
- The UNITY maintenance aspects of the Proactive Monitoring Program kicked off with a focus on maximum probation and parole dates. Members shared their experiences which were overall positive.

 The Wednesday Workshops for May, June, July, and August will be dedicated to the UNITY Enhancements.

Technology Team Meetings Updates

- The Enhancement 23 Team completed testing Phase II of the UNITY Enhancements. Phases III and IV will be combined and rolled out together.
- The Tableau Data Visualization and Reporting Team continues their discussion of the Home Evaluation and Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) metric reports. The Excel Spreadsheet and Tableau Reports format have been modified to list the juvenile's first and last names in two separate fields.
- The UNITY Maintenance Team met April 26. The UNITY User Access and the next "UNITY Spotlight" article were discussed.
- The UNITY Workflow Diagrams Team met May 3, 2023. The team is a collaborative effort with the Training Committee via member N. Dalton (VA). The team studied the JIDS workflow diagrams to gain a better understanding of how to construct the new UNITY workflow diagram. The final version will be used as the framework for all workflow diagrams moving forward.
- The Technology Committee welcomes support and ideas for the monthly "UNITY Spotlight" articles.
- As requested by the Executive Committee, the Technology Committee discussed the early termination of the JIDS Contract with vendor InStream. The committee agreed there would be no technical impact and no one spoke against the early termination.

UNITY Enhancement Release Schedule

There are a total of 23 enhancements that will be rolled out in three (3) bundles. To ensure a smooth rollout, there has been a tremendous amount of planning and preparation for communications and support. The chart below outlines the plan the Commission can expect now through August.

UNITY ENHANCEMENT RELEASE SCHEDULE

Month	UNITY Spotlight	Release to Training Site	Wednesday Workshop Training Session	Release Reminder Email to ICJOs	Release Date & Zoom Open House	
June	5/18	5/23	5/31 at 2:30 pm ET	6/1	6/13	
July	6/20	6/27	6/28 at 1:00 pm ET	7/6	7/11	
August	7/13	7/25	7/26 at 1:00 pm ET	8/1	8/8-11	

Rules Committee Report by Stephen Horton (NC)

The Rules Committee met in Lexington, Kentucky, May 16, 2023.

- All rule proposals were reviewed and feedback was provided to the Technology Committee; Commissioners S. Jones (MD) and M. Casey (DE); and the Midwest Region on their submissions.
- The Rules Committee developed a strategy for the 2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) rule amendments training session and presenters have been designated.
- The <u>Rule Proposal Guide</u> was reviewed and updated on page 2 to read: "Representatives of the Rule Proposal will be invited to attend the Rules Committee meeting when their respective rule is being presented in order to answer questions or provide clarity on the justification."
- The next Rules Committee is July 12, 2023.

REGION REPORTS

Midwest – Representative Chuck Frieberg (SD)

- Representative C. Frieberg (SD) reported the Midwest Region conducted a special meeting on May 23 to review recommendations from the Rules Committee regarding their proposed amendment to Rule 4-102.
- The Midwest Region concurred that the recommended changes and accepted the recommendation.
- The next Midwest Region meeting will be in July.

West – Representative Howard Wykes (AZ)

- Representative H. Wykes (AZ) reported the West Region met April 12. The West Region has proposed two rule amendments. The proposed amendment to Rule 4-101 is recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee. The proposed amendment to Rule 5-103 is not recommended for adoption by the Rules Committee. The West Region agreed to wait until after the comment period closed before making any changes to the proposed amendments.
- The West Region's discussion of a potential Best Practice on "Engaging Child Welfare Agencies" has now morphed into a tool kit: "Finding Solutions: Safely Returning Runaways when Abuse/Neglect Report." The survey mentioned earlier by Director Underwood is a first step to developing the tool kit.
- The West Region will meet June 8 to consider action regarding the proposed amendment to Rule 5-103. The next regular meeting is slated for July 13.

Victim's Representative Report by Nataki Brown

 N. Brown, ICJ Victim's Representative provided monthly updates as outlined below.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

The OJJDP released a new guide to assist families in protecting their financials entitled: "When Your Child Is Missing: A Family Survival Guide." To locate the online guide, <u>click here</u>. The guide was written with input from families of missing children. Additionally, an online 40th Annual Missing Children's Day Ceremony is scheduled for May 25 @ 2:00 p.m. ET.

Office of Victims of Crime (OVC)

 The OVC is sharing a webinar for tools for managing stress webinar: https://ovc.oip.gov/events/tools-manage-stress-response ■ The webinar is June 1, 2023 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM. To register contact Christina McCale, chris@justicelearinghouse.com, phone (360) 515-6652.

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) – Term of the month

- N. Brown, ICJ Victim's Representative shared both the May and April terms of the month due to her absence in April.
 - May: "Forensic Intelligence" = The forensic intelligence model is an analytical strategy that combines using forensic data (both preliminary and confirmed results) with situational and other relevant crime data (such as open-source databases) to produce case leads, link cases, or inform investigative, tactical, operational, or strategic policing. In this strategy, data derived from the forensic analysis of physical evidence can inform the investigation. The forensic data produced for forensic intelligence may not necessarily be the complete forensic report needed for presentation in court, but it can potentially inform investigations if integrated in a timely manner.
 - April: "Reentry" = Reentry involves an individual's transition from life in jail or prison to life in the community. Similar to desistance, reentry is a process or continuum of change where consistent support is crucial for the transitioning individual. Support can take many forms. Research shows that housing, employment, family unification, mental and physical health treatment, and meeting other critical criminogenic needs are vital to fostering post-release success. However, the reentry process looks different from person to person, and programs and services should be tailored to meet an individual's unique needs.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Optional UNITY Enhancements

- Chair Belli (OR) explained that during the review of the UNITY impact due to the proposed rule amendments, the Technology Committee determined there could also be optional UNITY enhancements that are not required when the rule passes. These are not required changes due to the rule proposal passage. Examples were provided from the proposed amendments to Rule 4-104 and Rule 7-107.
- The Executive Committee discussed the inclusion of the optional enhancements with the rule proposal. Members expressed concern that including information about optional enhancements could lead to confusion that could result in a rule amendment not passing.
- J. Hawkins (MO) suggested that all optional enhancements go through the normal enhancement process to avoid confusion. C. Copeland (TN) and S. Jones (MD) agreed.
- S. Horton (ND) supported the inclusion of the optional UNITY enhancement information to provide voters all the information to make an informed decision.

 J. Hawkins (MO) made a motion to remove related information for optional UNITY enhancements from the ICJ Proposed Rule Amendments. S. Jones (MD) seconded. S. Horton (NC) opposed. The motion passed.

2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Preparations

- Chair Belli (OR) provided an update on preparations for the 2023 Annual Business Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Registration Opens Soon with the following staggered schedule:
 - May 25 Executive Committee members will receive an email for early registration.
 - June 6 All other Commissioners/Designees will receive an email to register.
 - July 12 Compact office staff will receive an email to register.
 - August 8 ABM deadline for:
 - Registration and airline ticket purchase
 - Leadership Award nominations
 - Officer Nominations
 - Committee and Region Reports
- Chair Belli presented proposed edits to the "ICJ Nominations & Elections Process" document.
 - 3. Committee Chairpersons or Vice-Chairperson (One Year Term)
 - Commission members who are interested in pursuing a chairperson or vice-chairperson position for one of the Commission's existing committees shall are encouraged to express their interest, in writing, to the National Office. nNo later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting, the National Office will provide an online mechanism to be used for this purpose.
 - Only Commissioners & Full-Time Designees are eligible to serve as a chairperson or vice-chairperson.
 - Committees currently include: Compliance, Finance, Information Technology, <u>Racial Diversity</u>, <u>Equity</u>, <u>and Inclusion</u>, <u>Rules</u>, and <u>Training</u>, <u>Education</u>, and <u>Public Relations</u>.
 - The National Office will compile the relevant information and submit it to the recently elected officers.
 - The Commission Chair will consider the submissions received prior to the Annual Business
 Meeting when appointing the committee chairpersons.
- The proposed edits would eliminate the timeframe for members to express an interest in serving as a committee chair or committee vice chair. She opened the floor for any additional modifications and there were none.
- S. Jones (MD) made a motion to approve the elimination of a timeframe for individuals to express interest in committee leadership positions; and to add that members may express interest in the committee vice chair position in the "ICJ Nominations & Elections Process" document. H. Wykes (AZ) seconded. The motion passed.
- S. Jones (MD) asked that Executive Committee members reach out to Compact staff who exhibit leadership qualities to encourage them to consider an ICJ leadership position.

New Annual Business Meeting Awards

Chair Belli proposed two new awards at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting:

- 1. Award for Excellence in Training or the Apex Award
 - o The recipient would be the state reporting the highest number individuals trained during the previous fiscal year.
 - o S. Horton (NC) commented that it would be unfair to have smaller states competing with the larger states. C. Frieberg (SD) suggested using a percentage; to factor in the number of persons trained to the number of trainings or perhaps even the state population. Chair Belli tabled the conversation to the next meeting.
- 2. ICJ Legacy Award or Crystal Circle Award
 - o The award would be presented to all who have been working with the Interstate Commission for Juveniles 15 years. Commission members would be asked to submit names and start dates.
 - o C. Frieberg (SD) asked if the award would be limited to Commissioners/Designees. Chair Belli replied any Compact office staff would be eligible.
 - T. Hunt (CT) made a motion to approve the new annual business meeting award entitled the "ICJ Legacy Award" to be given each year to Compact staff with 15 years of service with the Commission. F. Dauway (SC) seconded. The motion passed.

Legal Counsel Report by Rick Masters

- R. Masters, Legal Counsel, certified that according to Commission's Statute, the Commission should move to a closed session to discuss potential litigation.
- S. Jones (MD) made a motion that the Executive Committee meeting move to closed session. S. Horton (NC) seconded. The motion passed. {closed session}
- J. Hawkins (MO) made a motion that the Executive Committee meeting return to an open session. S. Horton (NC) seconded. The motion passed.
- R. Masters, Legal Counsel, commented about a situation reported earlier whereby locals were not following the Compact. He explained that while a judge has immunity and cannot be sued by the Commission, their decisions do not insulate the state from liability for violations of the Compact.
- S. Jones (MD) suggested a proactive response with engagement of judicial affiliates. Director Underwood reported that the newly revised ICJ Bench Book was shared with the following ICJ ex officios: Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Both affiliates agreed to disseminate the online version to their members.

Adjourn

Chair Belli (OR) adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent without objection at 2:07 p.m. ET.