

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes

January 8, 2018

2:00 p.m. ET

Teleconference



Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Peter Sprengelmeyer (OR), Chair
2. Trissie Casanova (VT), Vice Chair
3. Agnes Denson (FL), Commissioner
4. Anne Connor (ID), Designee
5. Jeff Cowger (KS), Commissioner
6. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
7. Nate Lawson (OH), Commissioner
8. Cathlyn Smith (TN), Commissioner
9. Dawn Bailey (WA), Designee
10. Maureen Clifton (WY), Commissioner

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Sheila Poole (NY), Commissioner
2. Jedd Pelander (WA), Commissioner

Non-Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Mike Casey (DE)
2. Tracy Bradley (FL)
3. Holly Kassube (IL)
4. Nita Wright (IN)
5. Anna Butler (KY)
6. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
7. Gladys Olivares (NV)
8. Felicia Dauway (SC)
9. Carol Watson (Ex-officio FBI)
10. Judge John Romero (Ex-officio NCJFCJ)

Guests:

- Sarah Dalton (VT)

ICJ Staff in Attendance:

1. Marylee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Administrative and Training Specialist
3. Leslie Anderson, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Sprengelmeyer called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

Executive Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

A. Connor (ID) made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Clifton (WY) seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

A. Connor (ID) made a motion to approve the November 14, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. N. Lawson (OH) seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion

Committee Purpose Statement

- Chair Sprengelmeyer (OR) opened the floor for discussion on the committee purpose statement.
- Judge Romero suggested discussion of interplay between state and federal authorities. He noted that the federal authorities attempt to keep the juvenile detained securely until they are provided further information regarding the trafficker. He also noted that attention should be given to the limits on tribal jurisdictions and tribal implications.
- A. Connor provided an update regarding the ID State Council Rule Proposal to add definitions of human trafficking and require reporting, as with abuse and neglect. She asked for additional feedback regarding why the proposals were not accepted. She noted that standing committees can submit rules proposals, but Ad hoc committees cannot.
- T. Casanova (VT) suggested that the purpose statement be amended to clarify that promising practices should focus on ICJ procedures and defining ICJ's role.
- Chair Sprengelmeyer (OR) highlighted the importance of adopting a committee purpose statement to guide the committees work in producing a resource that would be useful to all commission members.
- **A. Connor (ID) made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. T. Casanova (VT) seconded. The motion carried**

State ICJ/Human Trafficking Policies

- P. Sprengelmeyer noted that documents had been shared by seven (7) states. He encouraged members to review these prior to the next meeting.
- S. Jones (MD) noted the importance of the ICJ office setting the framework for returns in cases involving juveniles who have been trafficked across state lines.
- T. Casanova (VT) reported that she spoke with Vermont's US Attorneys Office, as a follow up to the last meeting. Her contact indicated that there is no federal protocol regarding who investigates. Instead, a decision is made based on staffing and other resources. Advantages of federal involvement include additional investigative and prosecutorial resources, and additional protections for the victims. For example, federal filings include fewer details regarding the victim.
- T. Casanova (VT) shared that her office has an agreement with a Federal Prosecutor to not detain juvenile victims as they do adult victims. She is

- going to provide a summary of the agreement in writing to the committee on a future date.
- M. Underwood noted that some committee members could not receive all the attachments. She indicated that the national office would create a zip file and send to the committee members by the end of the week. If anyone would like to send additional documents please submit to the national office by close of business January 10, 2019.

Old Business

Updates to Matrix

- Updates were provided by the West and Midwest regions.
- Shared Hope Report Card (<https://sharedhope.org/what-we-do/bring-justice/reportcards/>) is a resources that could provide information for those continuing to work on updates.

Rules Proposal Update

- Chair Sprengelmeyer (OR) noted that this had been previously discussed.

Detention of Juvenile Trafficking Victims

- Judge Romero noted that documents shared included numerous examples of alternatives to detention and suggested further discussion on how states could develop such alternatives, with attention provided to both urban and rural areas.
- Chair Sprengelmeyer suggested that each future meeting focus on a specific topic such as detention of victims. He noted that meeting times may need to be extended.

New Business

- No New Business to report.

Adjourn

- Chair Sprengelmeyer adjourned the meeting by acclimation at 3:01 p.m. ET.