



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES South Region Meeting

Minutes

2018 Annual Business Meeting New Orleans, LA

September 11, 2018

1:30 PM CT

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Patrick Pendergast (AL) Designee
2. Judy Miller (AR) Designee
3. Bruce Wright (DC) Commissioner
4. Agnes Denson (FL) Commissioner
5. Avery Niles (GA) Commissioner
6. Anna Butler (KY) Designee
7. Angela Bridgewater (LA) Commissioner
8. Sherry Jones (MD) Commissioner
9. Julie Hawkins (MO) Commissioner
10. Maxine Baggett (MS) Designee
11. Traci Marchand (NC) Commissioner
12. Robert Hendryx (OK) Designee
13. Cathlyn Smith (TN) Commissioner
14. Daryl Liedecke (TX) Commissioner
15. Natalie Dalton (VA) Commissioner
16. Stephanie Bond (WV) Commissioner

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Jefferson Regis (DC)
2. Charles Akinboyewa (DC)
3. Tracy Bradley (FL)
4. Catina Martin-Fenner (GA)
5. Tracy Cassell (GA)
6. Kimberly Dickerson (LA)
7. Yolanda Latimer (LA)
8. Felicia Dauway (SC)
9. Katherine Pierson (SC)
10. Corrie Copeland (TN)

Guests in Attendance:

1. Carla Fults (AAICPC)
2. James Buche (LA)

National Office Staff in Attendance:

MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director

Call to Order

N. Dalton (VA) called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. CT.

Roll Call

N. Dalton (VA) called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

S. Bond (WV) made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Niles (GA) seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

A. Niles (GA) made a motion to approve the June 7, 2018 meeting minutes. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion

Executive Committee Update

Executive Director Underwood updated the following:

- The Compliance Committee has been working on the Performance Measurement Assessments (PMA). The committee has revised the PMA standards. Three (3) priorities have been established as well as seven (7) core standards that should be assessed each time to track improvement over each assessment period.
- A detailed update regarding the SC Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was provided. Complaints were filed by two states in May and June for failure to respond to home evaluations. Per ICJ policy, this prompted a multi-step process. The National Office made numerous attempts to resolve the matter before recommending the complaints to the Executive Committee, who then referred the complaints to the Compliance Committee. The Compliance Committee reviewed the evidence and recommended that SC be found in default on two major violations. The Executive Committee accepted that recommendation and imposed a sanction of \$75,000.00. They also approved a Corrective action Plan (CAP) to assist in bringing the state back into compliance with the compact. SC has made significant progress on the CAP to include major staffing changes, so that it is no longer a one-person office. Two supervisors stepped in to provide leadership. There are now two (2) Interstate Compact Coordinators with access to a shared administrative support person. The Commissioner position is still vacant however, an appointment is expected soon. The CAP also included significant Training and Technical Assistance (TTA). There was a significant backlog that has been eliminated. Training has been provided to all new ICJ office staff and four (4) Regional Administrators. TTA will continue and the CAP is still ongoing.
- The Finance Committee has approved the FY2020 budget that will be voted on tomorrow. The most significant change to the budget is that it includes additional funds for an additional staff member for the National Office.
- The Special Projects Committee is reporting through the Finance Committee regarding options for how to utilize funds made available through disaffiliation with the Council for State Governments (CSG). The Special Projects Committee voted to engage a consultant to analyze JIDS and that consultant recommended a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the replacement of JIDS. The recommendation was approved yesterday by the Executive Committee and will be moving forward.
- The Human Trafficking Committee conducted a survey this year to collect information on what states are currently doing in work on best practices for ICJ offices specifically as it relates to human trafficking. The committee also created a work group consisting of one (1) person per region to update the human trafficking matrix.
- The Training Committee presented at a record number of conferences this year.

- The Technology Committee is working on a glitch in how the days are currently counted in the workflows. They recently completed a website migration to a new host with no issues. This should reduce the downtime issues.
- The Rules Committee has accepted several proposals including several related to Rule 7-104.
- Natalie Dalton (VA) opened the floor for discussion.
- P. Pendergast (AL) noted the significance of the response to the complaints filed against South Carolina. He noted that Type IV violations are the most serious and asked whether any of the complaints involved juvenile sex offenders. M. Underwood confirmed that one complaint involved a juvenile sex offender who was living in South Carolina for whom the home evaluation was more than 100 days overdue. She also noted that SC had 561 assignments, as compared to an average of 50, and that 25% were overdue.
- F. Dauway (SC) apologized to everyone effected and said that SC is working diligently to ensure it will not happen again.
- A. Niles (GA) asked if the \$75,000.00 sanction would be waived after completion of CAP. Director Underwood responded that the CAP was scheduled to be completed by early November, and the Executive Committee would subsequently discuss abatement of the fine.
- A. Niles (GA) asked for information regarding when the complaints were filed and when the Executive Committee found SC in default. Director Underwood reported that the first complaint was filed May 24, 2018 and the second was filed June 25, 2018. Based on recommendations from the Compliance Committee, the Executive Committee found South Carolina in default on July 26, 2018. Director Underwood also noted that the Compliance Committee is reviewing the Performance Measurement Assessment (PMA) procedures with hopes that the PMA process will help identify any compliance-related issues sooner and reduce the need for complaints to be filed.
- K. Pierson (SC) stated that some problems were related to changes in upper management, which resulted in notifications not being received by appropriate personnel. She indicated that having one person fulfilling all ICJ-related roles had been part of the problem.
- J. Hawkins (MO) suggested the Commission needs to determine time frames on what is acceptable for late, stating that “six days is different than 6 months.”
- T. Marchand (NC) provided information regarding why NC filed the complaint, noting that this was an extreme case and responsibilities to public safety.

2019 Rule Proposals

- N. Dalton (VA) announced the deadline for rules proposals is January 15, 2019. This will be placed as a priority on the agenda and discussed during the next meeting.

2019 Officer Nominations

- N. Dalton (VA) opened the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer. J. Miller (AR) nominated P. Sprengelmeyer (OR). S. Jones (MD) nominated A. Niles (GA) who respectfully declined.
- **J. Miller (AR) made a motion to close the nominations. A. Niles (GA) seconded. The motion carried.**
- N. Dalton (VA) called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. T. Marchand (NC) nominated N. Dalton (VA). N. Dalton (VA) accepted the nomination.
- **R. Hendryx (OK) made a motion to close the nominations. A. Niles (GA) seconded. The motion carried.**

- N. Dalton (VA) called for nominations for the position of Chair. S. Jones (MD) nominated A. Niles (GA) who respectfully declined. No other nominations were made.
- **M. Baggett (MS) made a motion to close the nominations. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion carried.**
- N. Dalton (VA) opened the floor for nominations for the position of South Region Representative. C. Smith (TN) nominated A. Bridgewater (LA), who respectfully declined. T. Marchand (NC) nominated C. Smith (TN), who respectfully declined. A. Niles (GA) nominated T. Marchand (NC), who accepted the nomination.
- **A. Niles (GA) made a motion to elect T. Marchand (NC) as South Region Representative. R. Hendryx (OK) seconded. The motion carried.**

State Updates

- S. Jones (MD) will be attending the Judges Can Do Conference from October 15-16, 2018 and will be serving as a panelist to discuss the differences between ICPC and ICJ.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourn

- **A. Niles (GA) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m. CT.**