

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Training Committee Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2022
2:00 p.m. ET
Via Zoom



Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Nate Lawson (OH), Commissioner, Chair
2. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Commissioner, Vice Chair
3. Patrick Pendergast (AL), Designee
4. Roy Yapple (MI), Commissioner
5. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Chanda Leshoure (AL)
2. Tracy Cassell (GA)
3. Shirleen Cadiz (HI)
4. Holly Kassube (IL)
5. Latoya Oliver (MD)
6. Bridget Webb (SC)

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Tasha Hunt (CT), Commissioner
2. Nordia Napier (CT), Designee
3. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner
4. Ron Quiros, NPJS Ex Officio

Guest:

None

National Office Staff & Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1. Marylee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
4. Jenny Adkins, Policies and Operations Specialist

Call to Order

Chair Lawson (OH) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

R. Yapple (MI) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. P. Pendergast (AL) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

R. Yapple (MI) made a motion to approve the March 3, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. D. Liedecke (TX) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Update

Meeting Location

- Chair Lawson updated that the Executive Committee approved that the 2022 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) be held in-person in Burlington, Vermont. A survey was issued to Commissioners and Designees to gather information on how many would attend to determine the cost effectiveness of a hybrid meeting before making a final decision on the format.

Training Session – Communication and Leadership

- Chair Lawson provided an update on a teleconference meeting with Dr. Mark Nelson, who was suggested in the last meeting as a potential ABM presenter on the topics of communications and leadership. His proposed scope of work outline included:
 - Title: Effective Presentations
 - Topics:
 - Speech Anxiety: understanding it and managing it
 - Developing a Message: creating a connection, organizing information, supporting your message, using the web
 - Introductions and Conclusions: how to begin and end with impact
 - Techniques to Persuade an Audience
 - How to use Multimedia and Technology
- Chair Lawson and other committee members who attended the teleconference meeting supported him as a good choice for an interactive training. Other members concurred based on the feedback presented.
- **R. Yapple (MI) made a motion to recommend Dr. Mark Nelson as a presenter for the 2022 ICJ Annual Business Meeting. J. Wald (ND) seconded. The motion passed.**

Training Session – Human Trafficking

- The Training Committee discussed potential presenters/panelists/survivor speakers for a session on human trafficking.
- J. Wald (ND) updated on conversations within her state and with Nordia Napier (CT) about ideas, format, and participants for an ABM training session on human trafficking. Potential panelists included: subject-matter experts in North Dakota, a representative of the Polaris Project, or ICJ state personnel with one outside presenter. They also discussed gathering ideas from a Facebook page entitled “Hidden GEMS.”
- Director Underwood cautioned about the cost and limitations for onsite, guest presenters. She mentioned other possible cost-effective subject matter experts such as: former NCJFCJ ex officio, Judge John J. Romero; Vermont human trafficking task group members (which Designee Casanova (VT) works with closely); and U.S. Federal agencies.

- J. Wald (ND) agreed to speak with a survivor in North Dakota that works for a non-profit organization and has presented nationally.
- The Training Committee were in agreement about offering a training session on the topic, and continuing to research costs and options to help determine the format and presenters.
- **J. Wald (ND) made a motion to recommend a training session at the 2022 Annual Business Meeting on the topic of Human Trafficking. R. Yapple (MI) seconded. The motion passed.**

Training Session – Sex Offender Registration

- Chair Lawson (OH) recalled discussion on the topic of sex offender registration as a potential training session.
- D. Liedecke (TX) commented that sex offender registration is handled different from state to state and may be difficult to present a uniform message. J. Wald (ND) agreed and added that there may not be enough information to fill an ABM training session. J. Wald suggested that perhaps the issue could be addressed through another mechanism other than an ABM training.
- P. Pendergast (AL) and K. Kassube (IL) supported developing something outside of an Annual Business Meeting training session regarding sex offender registration, such as a legal white paper.
- **P. Pendergast (AL) made a motion to recommend the development of a legal white paper on sex offender registration to the ICJ Executive Committee. J. Wald (ND) seconded. The motion passed.**

Old Business

Review ICJ Mentoring Program

- Chair Lawson (OH) updated that the Executive Committee agreed to retain the evaluation of the ICJ Mentoring Program in the ICJ Strategic Plan, which will be extended for two years. The plan is to evaluate the program and determine the impact and effectiveness.
- Due to time, Chair Lawson (OH) asked to include the topic on the next meeting agenda and that members review the [ICJ Mentoring Program](#) on the website and provide any additional suggestions for the program for the discussion next month.

Educating Members about the Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) and ICJ Resources

- Chair Lawson (OH) updated that the Executive Committee approved the recommended modifications to the [Training and Technical Assistance \(TTA\) Policy](#) with one minor change in Section 4, D.1. regarding the notification to ICJ Compact offices when training requests are made.
- Chair Lawson (OH) asked to retain the topic on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss strategies for educating stakeholders on ICJ resources and using the TTA.

New Business

Communications Guidelines for Local Authorities with Juvenile/Family Members

- Chair Lawson updated that the Executive Committee referred a draft best practice to the Training Committee for review, entitled “ICJ Transfer of Supervision Communications Guidelines for Local Authorities with Juvenile/Family Members.”

- D. (TX) updated that the document was developed by in the South Region, to address concerns that local officers sometimes continue to have contact with juveniles and their families after transfer of supervision is accepted in another state. The document was written with the intended audience to be primarily local authorities.
- Chair Lawson (OH) asked to retain the topic on the agenda for the next meeting.

Our Best to Roy

- Chair Lawson (OH) announced that long time Training Committee member and ICJ Trainer, Roy Yapple (MI), will retire next Friday.
- R. Yapple (MI) thanked several ICJ connections and shared memorable moments that have stayed with him throughout his career with ICJ.
- Members expressed their appreciation for Commissioner Yapple for his willingness to share his wit and wisdom and wished him well in his retirement.

Adjourn

- **D. Liedecke (TX) made a motion to adjourn. J. Wald (ND) seconded. The motion passed without objection at 3:16 p.m. ET.**
- The next meeting is May 5, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m. ET.