



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

West Region Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2019
3:00 p.m. ET

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Dale Dodd (NM) Commissioner, Representative
2. Barbara Murray (AK) Commissioner
3. Daniel Horacek (AZ) Designee
4. Tony DeJesus (CA) Designee
5. Summer Foxworth (CO) Commissioner
6. Anne Connor (ID) Designee
7. Peter Sprengelmeyer (OR) Commissioner
8. Jedd Pelander (WA) Commissioner
9. Maureen Clifton (WY) Commissioner

Commissioners Not in Attendance:

1. Nathan Foo (HI) Commissioner
2. Steve Ray (MT) Commissioner
3. David Laity (NV) Commissioner
4. Vacant (UT) Commissioner

Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Ellen Hackenmueller (AK)
2. Karen Pierce (AZ)
3. Gladys Olivares (NV)
4. Nina Belli (OR)
5. Raymundo Gallardo (UT)
6. Brandon Schimelpfenig (WY)

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
3. Leslie Anderson, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator

Call to Order

Representative Dodd called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

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

Agenda

A. Connor (ID) made the motion to approve the meeting agenda. B. Murray (AK) seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

A. Connor (ID) made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting. P. Sprengelmeyer (OR) seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion

- **State Updates**

- **Arizona**

- D. Horacek (AZ) reported that K. Pierce (AZ) has been recently assigned to handle ICJ returns.

- **California**

- T. DeJesus (CA) asked region members for input on cases involving runaways and nondelinquent juveniles that are placed in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). In turn, the ICJ office is receiving requests from DCFS on how to proceed with the ICJ return policy. Family/Dependency court judges are often unfamiliar with the Compact and juveniles are often placed in nonsecure detention facilities, such as emergency shelters. Many juveniles subsequently abscond.
 - A. Connor (ID) noted that placement of the juvenile is to be made by a judge in accordance with Compact Rules and not law enforcement entities.
 - S. Foxworth (CO) advised that in cases where there are issues accessing a court judge due to late hours or outside of business hours, they often place the juveniles in nonsecure facilities until a judge can be accessed or a telephonic hearing can be held.
 - Region members discussed this being an issue in several states and that possibly collaboration and training of family/dependency court judges about the Compact should be considered.

- **New Mexico**

- D. Dodd (NM) reported that the New Mexico ICJ office had relocated to the new building and that updated contact information can be located on the ICJ website.

- **Oregon**

- N. Belli (OR) reported that the Oregon ICJ office is currently in the process of hiring support staff. Oregon recently provided ICJ training to local authorities and judges of Washington County that was well received. More ICJ trainings are being scheduled with other local entities throughout the state at this time.

- **Utah**

- R. Gallardo (UT) reported that Utah had recently hired a new Juvenile Court Administrator. This position has historically also served as the Commissioner. An official appointment by the Governor is expected to be received in the near future.

- **Washington**

- D. Bailey (WA) reported that a training is scheduled in May with the Washington Children's Administration.

- **Wyoming**

- M. Clifton (WY) reported her appointment as Commissioner. The ICJO is preparing to train a staff member as a backup and will notify the National Office of updates when the training is completed.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

National Office/Executive Committee Updates

- Representative Dodd opened the floor to A. Connor (ID) or Executive Director Underwood to discuss updates involving the National Office and Executive Committee.
- Executive Director Underwood reported that the Commission is moving forward with the process of identifying a new data technology system. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in November and four (4) vendor proposals were received in response. The Technology Committee created an RFP Workgroup to review and score the proposals. The workgroup will be presenting a recommendation to the Executive Committee at their meeting on Thursday. Updates will be forthcoming in the future. While the process continues, several recent JIDS enhancements were made to the work flows and user management areas to better assist users.
- Executive Director Underwood also reported that the Executive Committee will be assisted by Derek Young to facilitate the development of the new Strategic Plan. A survey will be sent out inviting all members to participate in the process. The Executive Committee will present the draft Strategic Plan at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting in Indianapolis.
- Site visits are currently being scheduled for the 2020 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) to be held in the East Region. Updates will be forthcoming.

- A. Connor (ID) reminded the region members that the 2021 ABM will be held in the West Region. She encouraged region members to start thinking of great locations in their states for suggestions.
- Executive Director Underwood encouraged members to utilize the Training Report Form on the ICJ website for documentation and inclusion in the FY2019 Annual Report.

Rules Proposal Updates

- Representative Dodd asked for the status of the three (3) rules proposals brought forward by the Idaho State Council.
- A. Connor (ID) reported that two (2) of the three (3) proposals were recommended to move forward by the Rules Committee.

Adjourn

Representative Dodd adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 3:40 p.m. ET.