

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

West Region Meeting

Minutes

September 10, 2019 Face-to-Face

2019 Annual Business Meeting - Indianapolis

3:45 p.m. ET



Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Dale Dodd (NM), Representative
2. Howard Wykes (AZ), Designee
3. Barbara Murray (AK), Commissioner
4. Tony De Jesus (CA), Designee
5. Summer Foxworth (CO), Commissioner
6. Anne Connor (ID), Designee
7. Cathy Gordon (MT), Commissioner
8. David Laity (NV), Commissioner
9. Nina Belli (OR), Designee
10. Raymundo Gallardo (UT), Designee
11. Jedd Pelander (WA), Commissioner
12. Maureen Clifton (WY), Commissioner

Commissioners Not in Attendance:

1. Vacant (HI)

Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Ellen Hackenmueller (AK)
2. Shirleen Cadiz (HI)
3. Gladys Olivares (NV)

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Emma Goode, Administrative and Training Specialist
2. Rick Masters, Legal Counsel

Guests in Attendance:

1. Shawn Hill, Idaho State Council Member
2. Steve Jett, NJDA (NPJS) Ex Officio and Idaho State Council Member

Call to Order

Representative Dodd (NM) called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

Representative Dodd called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

A. Connor (ID) made the motion to approve the meeting agenda. H. Wykes (AZ) seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes

- A. Connor (ID) noted a correction needed in spelling of a name.
- **D. Dodd (NM) made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2019 meeting as corrected. A. Connor (ID) seconded. The motion carried.**

Discussion

Executive Committee Update

Representative Dodd welcomed everyone and provided an update on the items discussed and approved during the face-to-face Executive Committee meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019.

New Data System Project Contract

The contract with Optimum Technology was approved for signature for the development of ICJ's new data system.

Legal Advisory Opinion #04-2019

Rick Masters presented Advisory Opinion #04-2019, regarding the use of an outdated Form IA/VI as a legitimate basis for the receiving state to treat the referral of a supervision case. The opinion was approved and will be posted to the website.

New Ad Hoc Committee

A new Ad Hoc Committee on Juvenile/Adult Issues was approved for the upcoming year to examine issues that arise in cases where an individual may be considered a juvenile in some circumstances and an adult in others. Issues to be addressed include the intersection between adult and juvenile courts with regard to due process in the context returns.

A. Connor (ID) commented on the committee sign-up sheets located in the foyer and encouraged region members to sign up and be involved in the upcoming year. J. Pelander (WA) questioned whether or not there would be an opportunity for Commission members not in attendance at the ABM to sign up. A. Connor (ID) acknowledged an email would be sent by the National Office after the ABM.

Mentoring Program Policy

The new Mentoring Program Policy was updated to clarify that Deputy Compact Administrators (DCAs) and other Compact staff are eligible to be mentors. The ABM Docket Book contains the Mentoring Program overview, and the mentor and the mentee forms for completion. In addition, the forms are available online.

A. Connor (ID) shared that the new Hawaii DCA, Shirleen Cadiz, is currently participating in the program. A. Connor (ID) encouraged members to participate as mentors by completing the form.

2019 Rule Proposals

All the proposed amendments were explained in the ICJ Training Session earlier on Tuesday and attendees had an opportunity to question and make comments. The proposal will be voted up or down tomorrow during the General Session.

Representative Dodd modified the order of the agenda to have states provide state updates prior to the officer nominations.

State Updates

Alaska

- E. Hackenmueller (AK) reported the Alaska State Council will meet Thursday.
- Representative Dodd questioned the type of council to be advisory or oversight. Alaska responded the type to be advisory.

Arizona

- H. Wykes (AZ) reported Arizona Paul Cody has joined the ICJ Compact staff.

California

- T. De Jesus (CA) reported that effective July 1, 2020, the California Department of Juvenile Justice will no longer be under the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. It will move to the umbrella of Department of Health and Human Services.
- The move is primarily due to funding and there should be no change in the function. However, the office will be relocated to a new physical address. The California State Council is aware of the changes.

Idaho

- A. Connor (ID) reported the new Idaho Governor plans to initiate a new executive order regarding the state council because the previous order has expired.
- A. Connor (ID) advocated for state councils as a mechanism of support for state Compact offices. The Idaho State Council expects to meet by the end of December via the ICJ WebEx. Additionally, Steve Jett, an ICJ ex officio and Idaho State Council member, is retiring soon. S. Jett commented that he would like to continue to be involved with ICJ.

Montana

- C. Gordon (MT), newly appointed Montana Commissioner, reported she and her staff are 10 days into their new ICJ responsibilities as the State of Montana reorganization of their government infrastructure. Commissioner Gordon reported she has been completing ICJ trainings and appreciates the Commission's patience during the learning process.
- Both Representative Dodd and Commission Chair Connor encouraged Montana to reach out to them and other Compact members for assistance as needed.

Nevada

- D. Laity (NV) updated on Assembly Bill No. 472 as it relates to ICJ and the Juvenile Justice system in Nevada. In summary, all youth will be treated as their own eligible for the same forms and level of services and the sex offender registration. The names of juveniles are shared with the state registry, which will determine if posting to the Nevada sex offender registry is required.
- A. Connor (ID) noted that juvenile sex offenders visiting Nevada longer than 48 hours could also be impacted.
- Arizona will notify the National Office of changes to update the ICJ Sex Offender Matrix.

New Mexico

- Representative Dodd updated that New Mexico chose not to enact Adams Walsh Act and to his knowledge will continue not to implement a sex offender registration.
- New Mexico will notify the National Office if any information changes to update the ICJ Sex Offender Matrix.

Oregon

- N. Belli (OR) updated that Oregon hired a new ICJ support staff, Kelsey Hewit, who will join the Compact office on Monday, September 16.

Washington

- J. Pelander (WA) reported the Washington Compact office is in the process of filling a staff vacancy.
- An appellate court in Washington overturned a decision regarding sex offender registration. Prior, when required to register as a sex offender in one state, Washington also required registration. Due to the challenge and the decision to overrule, Washington must now conduct a review to determine if the out of state conviction would be a comparable sex offense in Washington that would require registration in Washington rather than making a blanket decision.
- Washington will notify the National Office of the information to update the ICJ Sex Offender Matrix.

Wyoming

- M. Clifton (WY) had nothing new to report; however, commented on the new rule proposal regarding state councils.
- Wyoming has an advisory board for juvenile justice that also serves as the ICJ State Council. The board meets quarterly and ICJ is included on the agenda.
- R. Masters, Legal Counsel, advised that is a practice to be used by some states and a permissible option.

Officer Nominations

Representative Dodd announced guidelines for the nomination of officers, highlighting that the region could nominate persons outside of the West Region, noting that without being present they may not accept the nomination. Upon reading the information guidelines, both Representative Dodd and R. Masters, Legal Counsel, interpreted the language regarding one nominee for each position to be relative to the election process rather than the nomination process.

- Representative Dodd announced that none of the current officers are seeking re-election and opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Chair.
- Representative Dodd opened the floor for nominations for **Treasurer**.
- A. Connor (ID) nominated Jedd Pelander (WA) for Treasurer. Commissioner Pelander accepted the nomination.
- There were no additional nominations.
- Representative Dodd opened the floor for nominations for **Vice Chair**.
- A. Connor (ID) nominated Cathlyn Smith (TN) for Vice Chair.
- There were no additional nominations.
- Representative Dodd opened the floor for nominations for **Chair**.
- S. Foxworth (CO) nominated Nina Belli (OR) for Chair. Designee Belli accepted the nomination.
- A. Connor (ID) nominated Jacey Rader (NE) for Chair from the Midwest Region who was not present to accept the nomination.
- There were no additional nominations.
- Representative Dodd closed the nominations and prepared the slate.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

New Data System

- S. Foxworth (CO) requested clarification on the three project teams for the new data system and questioned which one of the three would conduct the beta testing of the new system.
- A. Connor (ID) and T. De Jesus (CA) highlighted the three project teams and compare to “*swim lanes*” in that they will work side by side some more busy in than others at peak intervals with the common task to make recommendations to the “overarching group” and that testing in part would be performed by all teams.
- T. De Jesus (CA) stressed the importance of involvement by the Compact staff familiar with ICJ and JIDS as their input is essential to the design of the workflows and shortcuts at the onset of the design.
- Representative Dodd questioned information on data migration.
- A. Connor explained that Optimum is working with ICJ and provided an estimate for the data migration and will provide a recommendation to ICJ as the new data system develops.

Adjourn

- **S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to adjourn. A. Connor (ID) seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m. ET.**