

# INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES



## 2020 Annual Business Meeting West Region Minutes

October 20, 2020

SpotMe/Zoom

3:00 p.m. ET

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### Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Dale Dodd (NM), Commissioner, West Region Representative
2. Nina Belli (OR), Designee, Alternate West Region Representative
3. Shannon Dilley (AK), Commissioner
4. Howard Wykes (AZ), Designee
5. Michael Farmer (CA), Designee
6. Summer Foxworth (CO), Commissioner
7. Kristin Davidson (HI), Commissioner
8. Anne Connor (ID), Designee
9. Cathy Gordon (MT), Commissioner
10. David Laity (NV), Commissioner
11. Neira Siaperas (UT), Commissioner
12. Jedd Pelander (WA), Commissioner
13. Maureen Clifton (WY), Commissioner

### Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Ellen Hackenmueller (AK)
2. Shirleen Cadiz (HI)
3. Gladys Olivares (NV)
4. Raymundo Gallardo (UT)
5. Dawn Bailey (WA)

### Guests in Attendance:

1. John Pacheco
2. Leslie Archibald

### National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Leslie Anderson, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator

### Call to Order

Representative Dodd (NM) called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. ET.

### Roll Call

- Representative Dodd (NM) explained the roll call process and voting via the *SpotMe Platform*. He asked the voting attendees to affirm their attendance by selecting their state on the SpotMe page under roll call and clicking submit.
- Executive Director Underwood affirmed that a quorum was established and the West Region was constituted to do business.

## **Agenda**

**M. Clifton (WY) made the motion to approve the meeting agenda.  
C. Gordon (MT) seconded. The motion carried.**

## **Minutes**

**S. Foxworth (CO) made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting. M. Farmer (CA) seconded. The motion carried.**

## **Discussion**

### **Executive Committee Update**

- Representative Dodd provided an update from the Executive Committee's meeting on October 19. A legal white paper was approved regarding Rule 2-108: Emergency Suspension of Enforcement. It was issued to clarify that only enforcement efforts are suspended. States are still required to implement the ICJ as fully as possible.
- Representative Dodd reported that more than fifty percent of the action items in the Commission's 2020-2022 Strategic Plan had been completed in the first year. He added that he was involved in the development of the plan, and was astounded that so much had been accomplished in the first year, especially given the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **State Updates**

Representative Dodd opened the floor for state updates.

#### **Alaska**

- Alaska Commissioner Shannon Dillely introduced herself, noting she became Commissioner three weeks prior. The biggest challenge for Alaska during the pandemic is the positive COVID cases for state staff causing staff to adapt the staff for coverage.
- E. Hackenmueller (AK) added that home visits have been conducted virtually.

#### **Arizona**

- H. Wykes (AZ) reported Arizona Compact operations have continued as usual since June. In person teaching has resumed in some areas, which resulted in spikes in COVID cases.
- Arizona will roll out UNITY using a Model 2 or 3.

#### **California**

- M. Farmer (CA) updated that he was re-appointment as the California DCA for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Also, he was re-appointment as the California Designee for the second time.
- Effective June 30, 2021, the CA Division of Juveniles Justice (DJJ) will no longer accept youth from county facilities into state level corrections. He does not yet know where the ICJ Office will be housed when the state's organization restructure finalizes.

- Recently, youth in Sonoma and Santa Cruz Counties were relocated to other counties due to the wildfires. Though many county offices continue to be closed, contact with juveniles continues virtually. A California Chief Probation Officer and member of the California ICJ State Council reported that contact with juveniles has been greater than the contact with adults.
- Staff in Los Angeles County report they are being used to cover staff shortages in facilities, which has caused delays to some ICJ reports.

### **Colorado**

- S. Foxworth (CO) reported that staff will continue to telework until at least March 2021. There has been a statewide spike in COVID cases. Elementary students are back in school. Middle and high school students continue to attend classes virtually.
- ICJ returns take a little longer, due to delays in cases where escorts are required. Alternate ground transportation arrangements have been necessary where state staff could not transport juveniles to the airport.
- Colorado is planning a full roll out as a Model 1 with UNITY.

### **Hawaii**

- K. Davidson (HI) reported Hawaii continues to telework, using a 4-tier plan. Tourism restrictions have been modified recently; thus, a spike in COVID cases is anticipated.

### **Idaho**

- A. Connor (ID) reported Idaho continues to operate under the Idaho Stage 4 Plan and is experiencing an increase in COVID positive cases. Teachers in one school district conducted a “sick out,” to highlight that it was not yet safe to return to in-person teaching.
- To date, 44 counties have returned to work with limited face-to-face contact. Court hearings continue to be handled virtually. There have been delays on the return of some runaways. Idaho state staff and probation staff have transported some juveniles that under normal conditions would have been transported by local law enforcement.
- A. Connor (ID) will continue to telecommute part time until at least until December and Jen Baer telecommutes full time.
- Idaho will roll out UNITY as a Model 2 state with plans to transition to a full out in the future.

### **Montana**

- C. Gordon (MT) reported that Montana is working in the office; however, there are very few working in the building.
- Montana is experiencing a spike in positive COVID cases. Detention facilities are being hit hard. ICJ work continues to operate with limited juvenile contact.
- Montana will roll out UNITY as a Model 3 state and continue to have staff enter data for quality assurance.

### **Nevada**

- D. Laity (NV) updated that because Nevada has a bifurcated system whereby probation is a county function and parole a state function, there are numerous hybrid supervision levels throughout the state. Though

positive cases are increasing, they continue with face-to-face contact as needed on a monthly basis.

- The Nevada Compact office will soon fill the staff position that has been open since July. He expressed his appreciation to Anne Connor for her assistance recently when Gladys Olivares was on vacation.
- G. Olivares (NV) echoed her appreciation to Anne Connor. Home evaluations are relatively normal and she continues to telecommute part time.

### **New Mexico**

- D. Dodd (NM) updated that all state employees continue to work from home. He goes to the office as needed. Detaining juveniles has been difficult, as a COVID test is required before admittance.
- New Mexico is experiencing a large increase in cases and has recently implemented a new airport plan. The Fish and Game Department staff have been assigned to assist with airport screening of returning travelers.
- Representative Dodd reported he is considering UNITY roll-out as a Model 2 rather than a Model 1.

### **Oregon**

- N. Belli (OR) thanked everyone for their assistance to the Oregon Compact office while she was out on medical leave.
- Due to COVID, hearings are being conducted either by teleconference or virtual. Some schools are back, but remain virtual. Before transferring a juvenile for supervision, reach out to her to confirm the current status in the particular locale.
- Compact staff will telecommute until January 2021, and perhaps beyond.
- Oregon will roll out UNITY as a Model 3 State.

### **Utah**

- R. Gallardo (UT) reported that Utah continues to work with the same restrictions. Court hearings are conducted telephonically. There is no face-to-face contact with the juveniles or families; all interactions are conducted via teleconferencing at this time. Staff continue to telecommute. Restrictions are expected to remain in place until spring.
- Recently Utah updated its policy related to ICJ to be more comprehensive. The Utah State Council will meet in November.
- Utah will roll out UNITY as a Model 3 state; however, they built their state personnel directory in the system for the future should they move to a Model 2 or a Model 1 state.

### **Washington**

- J. Pelander (WA) reported the ICJ Compact office staff will continue to telecommute through summer 2021. Pandemic restrictions vary from county to county for probation. Parole conducts business virtually.
- Washington will roll out UNITY as a Model 3 state, with a partial roll out to a few counties under the guidance of Dawn Bailey.
- Krysta Van Woert was recently hired as a new administrative assistant for the Washington Compact office.

## **Wyoming**

- M. Clifton (WY) reported an increase in COVID cases in Wyoming. The Compact office staff continue to work hybrid schedules. Courts and hearings are held virtually. Wyoming was implementing virtual hearings prior to COVID, due to being such a large rural state.
- M. Clifton (WY) expressed her appreciation for ABM practice sessions with SpotMe and Zoom. She was able to incorporate the learning in the practice sessions to other parts of her work for the state.
- Wyoming will roll out UNITY as a Model 3 state and looks forward to the trainings that will be forthcoming for UNITY.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **Developing guidelines for ending suspension of enforcement of ICJ Rules**

- Representative Dodd reported that Executive Committee recently began discussion of criteria that should be considered to determine when to end the suspension of enforcement of the ICJ Rules. The Executive Committee has requested input from the Commission via the regions. To date, a couple options have been mentioned as listed below. He then opened the floor for ideas.
  1. When less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  (or  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of states have a state of emergency in place.
  2. When 35 states have ended restrictions on face-to-face contact with juveniles.
- A. Connor (ID) suggested merging the two options above. The 1<sup>st</sup> is a *threshold* and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is a *trigger*.
- M. Farmer (CA) noted that the new normal in his 58-county state will look very different from county to county due to the population.
- J. Pelander (WA) suggested the guideline could consider something like: "When 75 percent of all counties of the state open without restrictions".
- Representative Dodd restated that the Commission is doing a good job in implementing the ICJ Rules during the pandemic. At this point, the Executive Committee is seeking input and to make a decision in 2021.

### **Nominations for 2021 ICJ Officers and West Region Representative Election**

- Representative Dodd encouraged the members to nominate from the West Region, so that nominees could confirm their interest during the meeting.
- A. Connor (ID) stated that she appreciates nominations from the region. She also noted that all current officers shared that they are interested and willing to serve another year in their current positions.
- Director Underwood provided an overview of the nominations and elections process. Nominations are taken from the floor. If there is only one nominee for a position, that person is declared the candidate. If there are multiple nominations, a vote is conducted via SpotMe.

## **Treasurer**

- Representative Dodd opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer.
  - A. Connor (ID) nominated Nate Lawson (OH).

- Representative Dodd called twice for any additional nominations for the position of Treasurer. There were none.
- *D. Dodd (NM) announced that the nominee for the position of Treasurer from the West Region is Nate Lawson (OH).*

### **Vice Chair**

- Representative Dodd opened the floor for nominations for the position of **Vice Chair**.
  - A. Connor (ID) nominated Jedd Pelander (WA).
  - N. Belli (OH) nominated Dale Dodd (NM).
  - Representative Dodd accepted the nomination and asked Summer Foxworth (CO) to facilitate the remainder of the elections process.
  - S. Foxworth (CO) called for any additional nominations for the position of Vice Chair. There were none.
  - Director Underwood advised voting member to go to the SpotMe home page to vote for one of the two nominees.
  - Director Underwood noted that one vote was emailed to her direct which was shared with M&IW tech support.
  - *Director Underwood announced that M&IW tech support notified her that all ballots were cast and the nominee for the position of Vice Chair from the West Region is Jedd Pelander (WA).*

### **Chair**

- S. Foxworth (CO) opened the floor for nominations for the position of **Chair**.
  - A. Connor (ID) nominated Jacey Rader (NE) for the position of Chair.
  - S. Foxworth (CO) called for any additional nominations for the position of Chair. There were none.
  - *S. Foxworth (CO) announced that the nominee for the position of Chair from the West Region is Jacey Rader (NE).*

### **ICJ West Region Representative 2021-2022**

- S. Foxworth (CO) opened the floor for nominations for the 2-year term as the ICJ West Region Representative.
  - S. Foxworth (CO) asked D. Dodd (NM) if he was interested in serving another term. He declined.
  - A. Connor (ID) nominated Michael Farmer (CA). He accepted.
  - S. Foxworth (CO) called for any additional nominations. There were none.
  - *S. Foxworth (CO) announced that Michael Farmer (CA) was elected by acclamation without objection as the West Region Representative.*

### **Adjourn**

- The next West Region Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020.
- **Newly-elected Representative Farmer adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 4:24 p.m. ET.**