



## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee

#### *Minutes*

January 12, 2016

2:30 p.m. EST

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#### **Members in Attendance:**

1. Anne Connor (NV) Chair
2. Barbara Murray (AK) Commissioner
3. Maria Genca (CT) Designee
4. Agnes Denson (FL) Commissioner
5. Alicia Ehlers (ID) Designee
6. Jeff Cowger (KS) Commissioner
7. Melonie Taylor-Gore (MS) Designee
8. Lea Quam (ND) Commissioner
9. Cathlyn Samuel (TN) Commissioner
10. Jessica Eldredge (UT) Designee
11. Patricia Welcome (VI) Commissioner
12. Holly Kassube (IL) Ex-officio
13. Paul Ottati (NY) Ex-officio
14. Gloria Soja (OR) Ex-officio
15. Dawn Bailey (WA) Ex-officio

#### **Members Not in Attendance:**

1. Karen King-Jones (KY) Commissioner
2. Traci Marchand (NC) Commissioner
3. Mia Pressley (SC) Commissioner
4. Damian Seymour (DE) Ex officio
5. Kelly Palmateer (NY) Ex officio
6. Gillie Hopkins (VT) Ex officio
7. Chris Newlin (NCAC) Ex officio
8. Judge Darlene Byrne (NCJFCJ) Ex officio

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

1. Bonnie Glenn (WA) Commissioner

#### **ICJ Staff in Attendance:**

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator
3. Shawn Robinson, Training and Administrative Coordinator

## **Call to Order**

A. Connor (NV) welcomed the members to the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee and called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. EST.

## **Roll Call**

A. Lippert called the roll and a quorum was established.

## **Agenda**

**P. Welcome (VI) made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Eldredge (UT) seconded. The motion passed.**

## **Minutes**

**P. Welcome (VI) made a motion to approve the November 10, 2015 meeting minutes. M. Taylor-Gore (MS) seconded. The motion passed.**

## **Discussion**

### *State Updates*

- A. Ehlers (ID) reported that a non-profit Christian Academy is developing a school and housing facility in Idaho for female human trafficking victims and will update on the progress of the facility and potential licensing.
- A. Connor (NV) briefed on a Clark County Nevada Juvenile Probation policy whereby after the third extradition for human trafficking, the juvenile is committed to the Nevada Juvenile Corrections for a stay averaging 6 – 9 months. A recent case scenario was shared where the female victims returned to human trafficking four days after their release. This type of reoccurring scenario is an example of the importance to provide relative programs and services to victims that facilitates a lifestyle change.
- M. Genca (CT) shared three similar scenarios and echoed the same concern to the importance of programs to assist juveniles with lifestyle choices to break the recurring cycle.

### *Human Trafficking Matrix*

- Chair Connor presented the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee's task to collect, organize, and share the actual procedures and processes occurring in each state regarding juvenile human trafficking. As discussed in the last meeting, Polaris has published statistical information in the following areas:
  1. Sex Trafficking
  2. Labor Trafficking
  3. (a) Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking
  3. (b) Investigative Tools for Law Enforcement
  4. (a) Training on Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement
  4. (b) Human Trafficking Commission or Task Force
  5. Low Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors
  6. Posting a Human Trafficking Hotline
  7. Safe Harbor – Protecting Sexually Exploited Minors
  8. Victim Assistance
  9. Access to Civil Damages
  10. Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims

- Chair Connor explained that the ICJ matrix will focus on actual processes occurring in each state as opposed to the broad policies and reported statistical data. Four regional facilitators were assigned to lead their region in gathering information as follows:
  - East – Maria Genca (CT)
  - Midwest – Jeff Cowger (KS)
  - South – Cathlyn Samuel (TN)
  - West – Alicia Ehlers (ID)
- Chair Connor will email directions regarding the collection of information and suggested each regional facilitator conduct regional meetings a minimum of once each month in February and March in addition to phone call and emails. The regional facilitators will report at the next Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee meeting in April.

#### *Resources*

- Chair Connor highlighted the following articles and will email the links:
  - *“Human Trafficking” has become a meaningless term* an article dated October 30, 2015 in the New Republic.
  - *History of Abuse Seen in Many Girls in Juvenile System* dated July 2015 in the New York Times.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **Adjourn**

**J. Cowger (KS) made a motion to adjourn. L. Quam (ND) seconded. Chair Connor adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 3:11 p.m. EST.**