



## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee

*Minutes*  
**July 12, 2016**  
**2:30 p.m. EDT**

---

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

1. Anne Connor (NV) Chair
2. Barbara Murray (AK) Commissioner
3. Maria Genca (CT) Designee
4. Alicia Ehlers (ID) Designee
5. Cathlyn Smith (TN) Commissioner
6. Jessica Eldredge (UT) Designee
7. Patricia Welcome (VI) Commissioner
8. Holly Kassube (IL) Ex officio
9. Kelly Palmateer (NY) Ex officio
10. Gloria Soja (OR) Ex officio
11. Dawn Bailey (WA) Ex officio
12. Chris Newlin (NCAC) Ex officio

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

1. Agnes Denson (FL) Commissioner
2. Jeff Cowger (KS) Commissioner
3. Karen King-Jones (KY) Commissioner
4. Traci Marchand (NC) Commissioner
5. Mia Pressley (SC) Commissioner
6. Damian Seymour (DE) Ex officio
7. Paul Ottati (NY) Ex officio
8. Gillie Hopkins (VT) Ex officio
9. Judge Darlene Byrne (NCJFCJ) Ex officio

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

1. Amy Howell (KY)

#### **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**

Chair Connor called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. EDT.

#### **Roll Call**

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

## Agenda

C. Smith (TN) made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Eldredge (UT) seconded. The motion passed.

## Minutes

C. Smith (TN) made a motion to approve the June 14, 2016 meeting minutes. A. Ehlers (ID) seconded. The motion passed.

## Discussion

### *Resources Updates*

### Not a #Number

- Chair Connor expressed an interest in the curriculum for Nevada. *Not a #Number* is an interactive, five-module prevention curriculum designed to teach youth how to protect themselves from human trafficking and exploitation through information, critical thinking, and skill development. *Not a #Number* uses a holistic approach focusing on respect, empathy, individual strengths, and the relationship between personal and societal pressures that create or increase vulnerabilities. Effective prevention often starts by raising awareness of harmful stereotypes and attitudes that create vulnerabilities and keep youth from seeking help. <https://love146.org/notanumber/>

### The Commercial Sexual Exploitation Of American Indian Women And Girls In Minnesota

- Chair Connor reported the 2009 article to be lengthy and a summary will be provided at the next meeting in addition to the following synopsis. Overall, the information gathered for this report demonstrates that the sex trafficking of Native women and girls is neither a new problem nor a rare occurrence. It is, however, a very complex problem in its origins, activities, and solutions. Social ecology is the study of people in their environment and the influence of that environment on human development and behavior. This theoretical model allows for examination of layered social and economic influences on Native children's ability to develop the four beliefs described at the beginning of this report as essential for a coherent and resilient sense of self. <https://www.miwrc.org/graphics/reports/Shattered-Hearts-Full.pdf>

### Early Intervention to Prevent Prostitution among Minnesota's Female Youth: - Benefit-Cost-Study

- Chair Connor commended Minnesota as leader in developing processes and focusing on victim's services. The 2012 article by the University of Minnesota outlined the benefits cost study on the effectiveness of their early intervention programs. The article provides a quantitative evaluation of benefits and costs for an innovative program that addresses a social problem in the state of Minnesota: sex trading by female youth. <https://www.miwrc.org/graphics/reports/Benefit-Cost-Study-Full.pdf>

### Effective Counter Human Trafficking Strategies: Exploring the Latest Research

- Chair Connor shared notes from the first hour of the two hour YouTube video live streamed on April 29, 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-gVN1eaDg>
- Five panelists examine the effectiveness of key anti-trafficking strategies and the public's response since the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) in 2000. Between 2013 and 2016 there has been an increase in awareness and responding to human trafficking; however, a decrease in eradicating. The panel facilitator was Bradley Myles, Polaris CEO, who participated in the ICJ Annual Business Meeting human trafficking

panel discussion in 2014. Additionally one of the members was a prosecutor from Alameda County, California, a county that has made great strides to address the issue of human trafficking. Alameda County, California received grant funding and developed the HEAT Institute [www.heatwatch.org](http://www.heatwatch.org). Additionally, Alameda County is one of the first counties to be involved in the Cities Empowered Against Sex Exploitation (CEASE) Network.

- Chair Connor explained key points from the video which included: the “data desert”. In summary, sharing information is critical and a huge gap still exists between research and practice. States have increased penalties, commitment, and civil remedies available to victims; however, investment by the state drives the level of success and criminalization alone is not effective. Social media and the internet were discussed by the panel and updated on the “Thorn Spotlight” tool and the “Buyer Beware” initiative in King County Washington.
- Chair Connor anticipates Polaris will print highlights of the video and post to their website.

### **Prevent & Stop Child Trafficking | ERASE Child Trafficking**

- Chair Connor highlighted [www.erasechildtrafficking.org](http://www.erasechildtrafficking.org) to be an agency supporting three pillars to erasing human trafficking: 1) education, 2) recovery, and 3) life reclamation. Every year across America over 17,000 children are stolen and sold into sex slavery or forced labor. This problem isn’t exclusive to other countries. It happens in the United States. Chair Connor referenced the US Department of States and Persons Report <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt>. She will extract the information relative to the US and share with the group in the future.

### *State Update*

- M. Genca (CT) updated on the passage of laws in Connecticut effective June 1 related to human trafficking prosecution and increasing the minimum age to 18 for prostitution.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

- G. Soja (OR) commented that ICJ is in a unique position to track nationally and suggested ICJ develop a standardized questionnaire for runaways as a tool to gather information on a national level. Chair Connor noted past discussions to add a field identifier in JIDS to denote CSEC youth. She will present the suggestion to the Executive Committee next week.
- J. Eldredge (UT) shared information from JuvJust calling for participants on a National Advisory Committee on the Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States.

### **Adjourn**

**Chair Connor adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:23 p.m. EDT.**