



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Training Education and Public Relations Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 11, 2016

2:00 p.m. EST

Committee Members in Attendance:

1. Anne Connor (NV) Chair
2. Maria Genca (CT) Designee
3. Agnes Denson (FL) Commissioner
4. Rose Ann Bisch (MN) Commissioner
5. Melonie Taylor-Gore (MS) Designee
6. Traci Marchand (NC) Commissioner
7. Mia Pressley (SC) Commissioner
8. Cathlyn Samuel (TN) Commissioner
9. Patricia Welcome (VI) Commissioner
10. Gloria Soja (OR) Ex-officio
11. Joy Swantz (WI) Ex-officio
12. Steve Jett (ID) NPJS Ex-officio
13. Maureen Blaha (IL) Runaways Ex-officio

Committee Members Not in Attendance:

1. Patrick Pendergast (AL) Designee
2. Jacey Nordmeyer (NE) Commissioner
3. Chris Newlin (AL) NCAC Ex-officio
4. Judge Darlene Byrne (TX) NCJFCJ Ex-officio

Guests in Attendance:

1. Kaki Sanford (AL)

ICJ Staff in Attendance:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
 2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator
 3. Shawn Robinson, Administrative and Training Coordinator
 4. Jenny Adkins, Project Manager
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Call to Order

Chair Connor called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. EST.

Roll Call

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

Agenda

M. Taylor-Gore (MS) made a motion to approve the agenda. R. Bisch (MN) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

T. Marchand (NC) made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2016. A. Denson (FL) seconded. The motion passed.

Training / Education Discussion

Training Updates

- Chair Connor updated that three rule amendment trainings were conducted by Rose Ann Bisch (MN). The first two-day full Rules Training was conducted by Mia Pressley (SC). Beginning in February, attendees will be issued a link upon completion of the training to complete an online survey in the areas of information presented, the presenter, and the WebEx experience. Mia Pressley (SC) and Rose Ann Bisch (MN) requested the results of their training sessions. The National Office will forward and continue to include a copy of future training results to all trainers.
- Chair Connor acknowledged the numerous rules trainings scheduled.

2016 ABM Training

- Chair Connor noted that 2016 is a non-rule making year resulting in additional time allotted for trainings at the annual meeting. The Training Committee reviewed the 2015 Annual Business Meeting survey results of training suggestions for the 2016 Annual Business Meeting in Boston and considered the following as potential topics.

Team Building and Collaboration – Tuesday Training

- Chair Connor commented on the suggested training topic of “Team Building” as a session that expands on the states in transition best practice. The focus would be to foster communication and collaboration across all facets of ICJ encouraging a positive attitude and working together in the best interest of the juvenile. Maureen Blaha, Ex- officio, will check with a potential presenter and update at the next meeting. Chair Connor updated that the Executive Committee will be working with Strategic Planning Consultant, Fahy Mullaney, at the face to face meeting. Mr. Mullaney has worked with ICJ in the past and may be a viable candidate to conduct a team building session. T. Marchand (NC) supported a team building session as being a topic suggested to her as the Commission Chair.
- The Training Committee discussed and agreed the session would be interactive and should be offered on Tuesday.

Return Process – Tuesday Training

- R. Bisch (MN) suggested an interactive training on the voluntary and the non-voluntary return process. The rules have been tweaked for clarity however cannot address every possible scenario.
- The Training Committee agreed due to the individuality of returns that a training session would be welcomed.

Legal Liability and State Councils – Wednesday General Session

- R. Bisch (MN) suggested during the General Session that Rick Masters present the legality and responsibility of the Compact.
- P. Welcome (VI) voiced support for the suggested topic - creating and nurturing an effective and engaged state council.
- Chair Connor suggested linking the two topics into one presentation.

Human Trafficking Matrix – Tuesday Training

- Chair Connor highlighted the work of the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee to gather updated information in twelve areas for the development of an ICJ Human Trafficking Matrix. Chair Connor noted that the Human Trafficking topic was well received in a past annual business meeting and proposed a session whereby states such as New Jersey and Minnesota share their state's journey to success in offering programs and services for victims.
- Chair Connor requested that members consider the suggestions and finalize the trainings at the next meeting to allow time to develop training curriculums and confirm presenters.

Public Relations Discussion

- Chair Connor updated that she and Gary Hartman (WY) are preparing for NCJFCJ National Conference on Juvenile Justice in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 21 – 23, 2016.
- A. Lippert updated that the proposal was submitted and we await acceptance from APPA to present at the Summer Institute in Ohio.
- C. Samuel (TN) updated that Tennessee will be conducting ICJ Trainings regionally.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Return of the Month

- Chair Connor suggested highlighting notable returns on the ICJ Website. The Training Committee agreed with the idea of highlighting a return monthly. R. Bisch (MN) suggested that if implemented there should be consistency to the information provided, such as: detail the situation; rule(s) applied; resolution. J. Swantz (WI) suggested including any tips from lessons learned.
- The National Office will draft a template for consideration at the next meeting.

Best Practice – Blanket Travel

- Chair Connor reported a question that came up during a training regarding the issuance of one travel permit for multiple trips. She proposed developing a Best Practice and presenting the issue to the rules committee.
- M. Pressley (SC) updated that in the training her response was that the rules do not confirm or deny this practice.
- R. Bisch (MN) agreed this practice occurs and outlined the differing scenarios where this may take place.

- **P. Welcome (VI) made a motion to present to the Executive Committee and the Rules Committee developing a Best Practice for a blanket travel permit. M. Pressley (SC) seconded. The motion passed.**

Best Practice - Homeless

- Chair Connor presented concerns on how to address situations whereby there is no parent or legal guardian in the sending state and the parent or legal guardian accepting/maintaining supervision in the receiving state is homeless.
- R. Bisch (MN) quoted the rules noting states would handle these juveniles as they do their own and receiving states could not deny supervision. A Best Practice should reference the rules.
- C. Samuel (TN) agreed and shared a case whereby a homeless mother accepted supervision and remained in contact with locals. ICJ was involved with the supervision and offered assistance for additional applicable resources to the transient mother.
- T. Marchand (NC) agreed citing examples whereby a mother and child were temporarily residing in a domestic violence shelter. ICJ worked to retain open communications between the family and locals during the transition.
- **M. Genca (CT) made a motion develop a Best Practice – Supervising Homeless Juveniles. M. Pressley (SC) seconded. The motion passed.**
- The National Office will draft a best practice for review at the next meeting.

Adjourn

- The face to face Executive Committee meeting interrupts the Committee's regularly scheduled March meeting date; therefore, a poll will be issued to determine a new date.
- **T. Marchand (NC) made a motion to adjourn. C. Samuel (TN) seconded. Chair Connor adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 3:09 p.m. EST.**