



## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### East Region Meeting *Minutes*

May 10, 2016  
10:00 a.m. EDT

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#### **Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:**

1. Patricia Welcome (VI) East Region Representative
2. Maria Genca (CT) Designee
3. Melanie Grimes (DE) Commissioner
4. Damian Seymour (DE) Designee
5. David Barrett (ME) Commissioner
6. Becki Moore (MA) Designee
7. Thomas O'Connor (NH) Designee
8. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ) Designee
9. Jason McCrea (PA) Commissioner
10. Gillie Hopkins (VT) Designee

#### **Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:**

1. Lorraine Bartlett (NH) Commissioner
2. Kevin Brown (NJ) Commissioner
3. Sheila Poole (NY) Commissioner
4. Kevin McKenna (RI) Commissioner
5. JoAnn Niksa (RI) Designee
6. Cindy Walcott (VT) Commissioner

#### **Compact Staff in Attendance:**

1. Kelly Palmateer (NY)
2. Paul Ottati (NY)

#### **Guest in Attendance:**

None

#### **National Office Staff in Attendance:**

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

#### **Call to Order**

Representative Welcome (VI) called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. EDT.

#### **Roll Call**

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

## Agenda

**J. McCrea (PA) made a motion to approve the agenda. T. O'Connor (NH) seconded. The motion passed.**

## Minutes

- **T. O'Connor (NH) made a motion to approve the February 10, 2016 meeting minutes. D. Seymour (DE) seconded. The motion passed.**

## Discussion

### Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee Update

- M. Genca (CT) updated on the Human Trafficking Matrix being developed. States in each of the four regions provided updated information to the 2014 Polaris Project's statistical information. The matrix is being updated and the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee will review at their meeting next month. The ad hoc committee continues to share human trafficking information as a resource only. There is no intent to recommend a human trafficking rule proposal.

### AAICPC ICJ MOU Work Group

- M. Genca (CT) updated that the AAICPC ICJ MOU Work Group met March 23 and the next meeting is June 20. The work group continues to serve as a consulting resource and plans to develop a Q&A section to be included in the AAICPC ICJ Best Practice Guide. The members of the work group are listed on the Commission's website and no new scenarios have been added to the Best Practice Guideline.
- D. Seymour (DE) commented on the guideline's usefulness with a couple cases in Delaware.

### Executive Committee Updates

- A. Lippert updated that the Executive Committee held a strategic planning session in March to formulate ICJ values and goals. The three year strategic plan will be shared with the Commissioners and Designees prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Additionally, one of the ABM training sessions will highlight the plan.
- All committees reported during the April Executive Committee meeting. In addition to the multiple trainings, the Training Committee is finalizing the trainings sessions for the Annual Business Meeting. There will be a session on State Councils and Maine will be involved. The Technology Committee is working on its review of the enhancements list. The enhancements should be available in the fall and the JIDS platform will be upgraded this summer. The 2016 performance measurement assessment regarding JIDS users was issued and the Compliance Committee is determining the standards to be included in the 2017 performance measurement assessment. The 2017 fiscal year dues invoices were issued and a few invoices have been paid. The four regions will meet in May beginning with the East Region.

### State Updates

- T. O'Connor (NH) reported that the New Hampshire Juvenile Justice Policy was updated to reflect the current ICJ rules. The large policy manual was divided into sections for easier access of specific policies.
- P. Ottati (NY) reported that the New York State Council will meet in June and he anticipates both he and Kelly Palmateer to be approved to attend the 2016 ICJ ABM. New York continues to work on the age of majority issue whereby runaways and absconders are being held in county jails due to their age.
- M. Genca (CT) reported that their state council continues to meet regularly. The Connecticut Juvenile Justice Laws are currently under consideration and includes increasing the age of majority to 20 by 2018.
- G. Hopkins (VT) reported that the Vermont State Council met in March. The process of returning human trafficking juveniles and the challenges regarding the return of runaways and absconders without a juvenile warrant was discussed. Vermont does not have a juvenile warrant

or detainer function. The state council does not advocate for a statute which could widen possible punitive actions by other states.

- D. Barrett (ME) reported that the Maine State Council approved their by-laws at the last meeting and thanked Maria Genca for furnishing Connecticut's By-laws as a template. In addition to the regular slate of state council members, Maine has added the ICPC administrator, child protective services administrator, and law enforcement. Law enforcement requested a flow chart of the process of handling runaways intrastate versus interstate. A Maine State Council member will attend and participate in the state council panel discussion during at the 2016 ABM.
- D. Seymour (DE) updated that the state is working to develop human trafficking protocol. The Delaware Compact office has been appointed to participate on the state's human trafficking sub-committee. Social services have a best practice on handling human trafficking cases while a policy is being finalized. In November, the Delaware Compact office will participate in a statewide training session which will highlight all agency services with regard to human trafficking. D. Seymour (DE) questioned the rule proposals going forward in 2016. A. Lippert clarified there are no proposals going forward at this time.
- Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ) reported the New Jersey State Council continues to meet regularly and expanded the membership to include the Department of Children and Families. A Human Trafficking Conference is scheduled in New Brunswick, New Jersey on May 20. The state continues to review pending legislation and to confront the human trafficking issue.
- Representative Welcome reported the Virgin Islands Governor appointed a new Deputy Commissioner for Juvenile Justice and Prevention Services. Representative Welcome will be working with the new Deputy Commissioner to establish the Virgin Islands State Council membership.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjourn**

- **Representative Welcome adjourned the meeting without objection the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. EDT.**