



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

East Region Meeting

Minutes

October 18, 2016

10:30 a.m. EDT

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Maria Genca (CT) East Region Representative
2. Melanie Grimes (DE) Commissioner
3. David Barrett (ME) Commissioner
4. Becki Moore (MA) Designee
5. Kevin Brown (NJ) Commissioner
6. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ) Designee
7. Patricia Casanova (VT) Designee
8. Patricia Welcome (VI) Commissioner

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Damian Seymour (DE) Designee
2. Thomas O'Connor (NH) Designee
3. Sheila Poole (NY) Commissioner
4. Kevin McKenna (RI) Commissioner
5. JoAnn Niksa (RI) Designee
6. Barbara Joyal (VT) Commissioner

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Pamela Cranford (CT)
2. Paul Ottati (NY)
3. Kelly Palmateer (NY)
4. Wendy Lautsbaugh (PA)

Guest in Attendance:

None

National Office Staff in Attendance:

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

Call to Order

Representative Genca called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. EDT.

Roll Call

Representative Genca called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

K. Brown (NJ) made a motion to approve the agenda. Patricia Casanova (VT) Designee seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

M. Grimes (DE) made a motion to approve the August 23, 2016 meeting minutes. Patricia Casanova (VT) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

Deadline for Rule Proposals

- Representative Genca highlighted the Rules Committee's calendar emphasizing that February 28, 2017 is the deadline to submit rule proposals for consideration at the 2017 Annual Business Meeting.
- The East Region agreed to meet January 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. EST to discuss any rule amendments that the East Region may wish to propose. Representative Genca requested that for those states desiring to propose an amendment, they forward the information to her prior to the January meeting.

State Updates

- Representative Genca updated that the Connecticut State Council continues to meet regularly and next meeting is in January to discuss ICJ rule proposals. New state laws regarding juvenile detention have created difficulties with detaining youth.
- P. Welcome (VI) updated that the Virgin Islands continues to be in a state of flux due to turnover in agency commissioners.
- W. Lautsbaugh (PA) updated that she is the new agency director, the position previously held by Jason McCrea. The Governor is in the process of appointing the new ICJ Commissioner.
- K. Brown (NJ) updated that the New Jersey State Council meets regularly and continues to discuss human trafficking issues and training opportunities. New Jersey is in the process of replacing the judicial branch representative on their state council a position formerly held by John Gusz. Additionally, a member from Children and Family Services will join state council membership. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ) continues to serve on the State Human Trafficking Task Force and will attend the upcoming human trafficking conferences in Maryland and Delaware.
- M. Grimes (DE) updated that the Delaware State Council met in September and agreed to initiate a monthly email for more awareness and promotion of the state council. Additionally, the human trafficking conference in Dover, Delaware, November 10, 2017, has 600 registrants.
- D. Barrett (ME) updated that the Maine State Council membership is current and the council meets regularly. The Maine Prosecutors will hold their annual meeting this week. Commissioner Barrett in conjunction with a juvenile prosecutor (state council member) prepared an ICJ synopsis highlighting the ICJ Rules, Bench Book, and tool kit for Judges. The information will be shared at the meeting along with Commissioner Barrett's contact information. Additionally, Commissioner Barrett updated that he will serve as the 2017 ICJ Finance Committee Chair.
- P. Casanova (VT) updated on the Vermont State Council Meeting is scheduled and thanked the region for the support and patience as she transitions into her new ICJ role.

- P. Casanova (VT) questioned the status of the proposed JJDP A amendment, which impacts the detention of juveniles. A. Lippert updated that the reauthorization bill has been tabled by the US Congress. No movement is anticipated until next year due to the Presidential election. The original 2002 bill and OJJDP exemption remain unchanged until a new bill is passed. The OJJDP exemption and a legal white paper are available on the Commission’s website.
- K. Palmateer (NY) updated that New York is developing a process to identify human trafficking victims. The process will be presented at the New York State Probation Administrators Meeting. Additionally, New York has finalized a bench card and will forward to Representative Genca.
- B. Moore (MA) updated that the legislative members of the Massachusetts State Council have been confirmed and the Council will schedule a meeting soon.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

ICJ State Policies and Procedures

- Representative Genca updated that that the Training Committee plans to obtain state’s written policy and operational procedures, which would include how staff vacancies within the ICJ Compact office are handled. Training Committee Chair Connor has requested that states with a written plan forward such to their regional representative or the Training Committee Chair. For states that do not have a written plan, the Training Committee intends to develop a template to assist states in formulating a plan.
- M. Grimes (DE) agreed to forward her desk reference that she has recently developed to Training Chair Connor.

Adjourn

- **Representative Genca adjourned by acclamation without objection at 10:59 a.m. EDT.**