



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Region Meeting

Minutes

January 31, 2017

11:00 a.m. EST

Regional Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Nina Belli (OH) Representative
2. Jane Seigel (IN) Commissioner
3. Jeff Cowger (KS) Commissioner
4. Roy Yaple (MI) Designee
5. Allen Godfrey (MN) Commissioner
6. Jacey Nordmeyer (NE) Commissioner
7. Charles Frieberg (SD) Commissioner
8. Shelley Hagan (WI) Commissioner

Regional Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Tomiko Frierson (IL) Commissioner
2. Mike Rempe (IA) Commissioner
3. Tracy Fliger (IA) Designee
4. Dale Murray (MI) Commissioner
5. Lisa Bjergaard (ND) Commissioner

Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Melissa Smith (IL)
2. Turran Blazier (IN)
3. Liz Wilson (KS)
4. Abbie Christian (NE)
5. Catherine Corbet (NE)
6. Jessica Wald (ND)
7. Andrew Janning (OH)
8. Kathy Christenson (SD)
9. Joy Swantz (WI)

Guests in Attendance:

None

ICJ Staff in Attendance:

1. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator
2. Jenny Adkins, Project Manager

Call to Order

Representative Belli called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. EST.

Roll Call

J. Adkins called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

S. Hagan (WI) made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Nordmeyer (NE) seconded. The motion passed.

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S. Hagan (WI) made a motion to approve the minutes dated November 3, 2016. J. Nordmeyer (NE) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

Executive Committee Update

- Representative Belli updated on the following actions from the Executive Committee meetings since the last Midwest Region meeting:
 - Ashley Lippert accepted the position of Executive Director for ICAOS. The posting for the position will close January 31. The goal of the Executive Committee is to fill the position prior to the face to face meeting in March.
 - The position of Administration and Training Coordinator at the National Office is vacant due to the resignation of Shawn Robinson.
 - Effective December 1, 2016, ICJ is no longer an affiliate of the Council of State Governments (CSG).
 - The 2016 State Council Reports are due today to the National Office.
 - The ICJ Age Matrix has been updated with the *civil age of majority* and the *age at which a juvenile can be prosecuted as an adult* and is now available on the website.
 - On demand training “It takes a village to return a juvenile” is now available on the Commission’s website. The judicial training has been updated. The rules training dates are posted and registration is open on the Commission’s website.
 - The 2018 ABM will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 9-12, 2018.
 - The 2017 ABM is September 25-27, 2017 in San Diego, California.

2017 Rule Proposal

- Representative Belli presented the proposed amendment to Rule 4-101: Eligibility Requirements for the Transfer of Supervision as submitted by Wisconsin.
- J. Seigel (IN) spoke in favor of the amendment. The Midwest Region discussed and agreed with the proposal to add to paragraph 2 a subsection *(d) is not in absconder/AWOL status at the time transfer of supervision is being considered.*
- **S. Hagan (WI) made a motion to approve the Midwest Region proposed amendment to Rule 4-101: Eligibility Requirements for the Transfer of Supervision as presented. A. Godfrey (MN) seconded. The motion passed.**

State Updates

- The Midwest Region States updated on trainings in their state and State Council meetings and membership rosters. In addition, states updated the following:

- M. Smith (IL) updated that she continues as the temporary contact for Illinois until Commissioner Frierson returns.
- J. Seigel (IN) updated that on the new judges' orientation training for newly elected and appointed judges.
- J. Cowger (KS) updated there was nothing new to report at this time.
- R. Yapple (MI) updated that he continues as the point of contact in Michigan. Commissioner Murray is out of the office until March. Additionally the general audit in Michigan continues and preliminary findings are under review.
- A. Godfrey (MN) updated that Minnesota is finalizing the new Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA) position.
- J. Nordmeyer (NE) updated that Nebraska is in the processing of finalizing a budget during the legislative session. The newly formed Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force will meet next month.
- J. Wald (ND) updated on a statewide training for social workers.
- C. Frieberg (SD) updated that this was his first region meeting and updated on the two state council meeting in 2017.
- S. Hagan (WI) shared a couple unique cases and updated on a transition that will be incurred due to one of the larger counties taking over correctional aftercare services from the State corrections agency.
- Representative Belli (OH) updated on several upcoming trainings scheduled with their courts regarding ICJ rules and JIDS. Additionally, the Ohio State Council is reviewing candidates for membership and considering widening their range of membership.

Old Business

- J. Swantz (WI) updated that she did not received any written state transition plans as requested in the last meeting. The request was on behalf of the Training Committee for the development of a generic template to assist states that may not have a written transition plan.
- At the request of the Midwest Region, the National Office will forward Wisconsin's Transition Plan as an example of the information the Training Committee is considering.

New Business

Intrastate Relocations

- Representative Belli reported that the Rules Committee has requested feedback from the regions regarding the intrastate processes when a juvenile relocates to within the receiving state once supervision has been accepted.
- S. Hagan (WI) referred to the guidance from the National Office a couple years ago that when the address changed prior to acceptance of supervision the sending state would submit new forms. When the address changed after acceptance, the relocation would be noted in the progress report and new forms completion not required. S. Hagan (WI) voiced support for the completion of new forms when relocation occurs. She commented to the importance of a new home evaluation which would reset the time lines; and the form could be considered invalid due to the new address. The flipside to the completion of new forms is the responsibility reverts back to the sending state while the new location and arrangements are being evaluated.
- J. Nordmeyer (NE) updated on the process in Nebraska. When the juvenile moves with the approved family the receiving state's internal state protocol is followed and the

information is updated. When the family dynamics and the location change, new forms are requested.

- The Midwest Region Representative discussed a rule proposal versus a training resource to bring about consistency in the way the intrastate relocations are handled. There was support for a training resource noting that Rule 5-101 may need to be amended for clarity before implementing a training bulletin.

Forms

- Representative Belli requested that states remind field users to use the latest ICJ forms.

Adjourn

- The Midwest Region agreed to schedule the next meeting for April 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. EDT.
- **J. Cowger (KS) made a motion to adjourn. S. Hagan (WI) seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. EDT.**