



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Region *Meeting Minutes*

February 11, 2016
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. Dale Murray (MI) Commissioner
5. Roy Yaple (MI) Designee
6. Lea Quam (ND) Commissioner
7. Shelley Hagan (WI) Commissioner

Regional Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Eva Moore (IL) Designee
2. Mike Rempe (IA) Commissioner
3. Rose Ann Bisch (MN) Commissioner
4. Jacey Nordmeyer (NE) Commissioner
5. Nancy Allard (SD) Commissioner

Compact Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Tomiko Frierson (IL)
2. Holly Kassube (IL)
3. Laura Hausladen (IN)
4. Stacy Doane-Selmier (IN)
5. Trisha Barto (IA)
6. Matt Billinger (KS)
7. Abbie Christian (NE)
8. Catherine Corbet (NE)
9. Joy Swantz (WI)

Guests in Attendance:

1. Anne Connor (NV) Training Committee and Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee Chair

ICJ Staff in Attendance:

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

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Agenda

L. Quam (ND) made a motion to approve the agenda. S. Hagan (WI) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

- **L. Quam (ND) made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected dated August 25, 2015. J. Cowger (KS) seconded. The motion passed.**
- **J. Seigel (IN) made a motion to approve the minutes as presented dated October 15, 2015. L. Quam (ND) seconded. The motion passed.**

Discussion

Executive Committee Updates

JJDPa Update

- Representative Belli updated on the Senate Bill entitled Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 2015. It stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee as a result of matters unrelated to the ICJ exception. The bill continues to be vetted and passage through Congress will continue to be monitored.

Midwest Regional Goals and Strategies – States in Transition

- Representative Belli reported that the Commission Chair has requested each region submit recommendations for improving the States in Transition Best Practice and opened the floor for suggestions.
- A. Connor (NV) highlighted the current ICJ Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) program and the actions taken by the Training Committee to assist states in transition. She updated on the training provided to Tennessee, Iowa, and Montana adding that the South Region Representative, Mia Pressley, was assigned as a mentor to Tennessee.
- The Midwest Region discussed the current Best Practice for States in Transition. T. Barto (IA) praised Joy Swantz (WI) for traveling to Iowa to provide onsite training her first weeks. T. Frierson (IL) shared the value of providing assistance and patience to new staff. Representative Belli suggested assigning a mentor that would communicate regularly with new staff especially during the first 90 days. A. Christian (NE) agreed and suggested that seasoned ICJ Compact office personnel act as mentors to the states with which they frequently conduct business.
- Representative Belli will share the Midwest Region's suggestions with the Executive Committee.

Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee – Matrix

- A. Connor (NV) reported that the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee is developing a Human Trafficking Matrix that will provide information on what each state is doing in regards to Human Trafficking. Midwest region committee member, Jeff Cowger (KS), will lead in the collection of updated information from the Midwest Region states to be included in the matrix. The starting point for the matrix is the information collected in 2014 by the Polaris Project. The ICJ matrix will align itself with the Polaris Project's statistical information in the following categories:
 1. Sex Trafficking
 2. Labor Trafficking
 - 3(a) Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking
 - 3(b) Investigative Tools for Law Enforcement
 - 4(a) Training on Human Trafficking for Law Enforcement
 - 4(b) Human Trafficking Commission or Task Force
 5. Low Burden of Proof for Sex Trafficking of Minors
 6. Posting a Human Trafficking Hotline
 7. Safe Harbor - Protecting Sexually Exploited Minors

8. Victim Assistance
 9. Access to Civil Damages
 10. Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims
- A. Connor (NV) highlighted each category and presented a breakdown by state of the Polaris Project 2014 information. Nevada's status was used as an example of locating and updating the information. New Jersey met all 12 of the criteria collected on the Polaris tool and has been invited to attend the next Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee Meeting to share information leading to their current standing.
 - J. Cowger (KS) will email the matrix information to each state to update their information. The Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee is requesting that all states submit their updated information prior to the next meeting on April 12.

State Updates

- States reported announcing February 1, 2016 as the new rules effective date. States have been conducting in-state trainings and encouraging staff to attend the online ICJ Rules and JIDS Trainings on the new rules. States updated on their respective State Council's meetings completed and scheduled and any current vacant council membership positions.
- Holly Kassube (IL- Probation) updated that probation has been working with Cook County to address concerns and issues regarding the return of juveniles in the areas of detention and warrants and are meeting to identify processes for a smoother transition in the state.
- Tomiko Frierson (IL-Parole) updated on the impact of the new Senate Bill 1660. In the past Illinois has supervised youth on parole for 4-6 years up to age 21. As a result of the bill, parole will try to limit supervision to 1-1/2 years.
- Jane Seigel (IN) updated there to be multiple bills being considered in legislation regarding juveniles particularly around dual status issues.
- Jeff Cowger (KS) updated on Kansas legislation that would impact ICJ. Legislation being implemented includes revamping the jail code; however, the portion allowing the detainment of out-of-state runaways would remain. Commissioner Cowger was involved in drafting a bill which allows the ICJ Compact office direct statutory access to records in the Child Welfare Agency and Juvenile Offender Agency and requires law enforcement to contact ICJ directly when an out-of-state juvenile is picked up. Additionally, Matt Billinger (KS) was introduced as the newest staff member in the Kansas Compact office.
- Dale Murray (MI) updated that the audit by the Michigan Attorney General's office continues.
- Abbie Christian (NE) updated that Nebraska conducted a statewide webinar regarding ICJ Rule changes and she will conduct a quarterly meeting with each probation district soon.
- Lea Quam (ND) updated that North Dakota has three different human trafficking boards. A committee has been assigned to research and recommend one statewide human trafficking tool to compliment the current ND Human Trafficking Guideline.
- Shelly Hagan (WI) updated that Wisconsin is drafting legislation regarding human trafficking. A statewide human trafficking advisory committee was developed and requests have been issued to private residential facilities regarding programs/services for human trafficking victims. Additionally, a bill will pass that corrects the obsolete language in the WI Statute "Interstate Commission *on* Juveniles".
- Nina Belli (OH) updated she has been asked to present at the Ohio Police Officer Juvenile Association Conference. Additionally, a mandatory requirement was passed by the Ohio State Council requiring all field users to complete ICJ Rules Training.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Travel Plan Form

- S. Hagan (WI) suggested that the Rules and Technology Committees consider including the travel plan form in the rules that requires states use the form when processing runaways, requisitioned youth, or failed placement youth who will return to the demanding state. Currently states are inconsistent in the use of the form.
- The Midwest Region discussed and agreed the modified travel plan form works well and is user friendly. J. Cowger (KS) questioned whether the Midwest wished to draft a rule proposal. The Midwest Region agreed to first offer the recommendation for vetting in the Rules Committee before proceeding with a formal rule proposal. A. Christian (NE) voiced support for the recommendation.
- **S. Hagan (WI) made a motion to recommend that the Rules Committee and the Technology Committee consider requiring the use of the travel plan form into the rules for processing runaways, returns, requisitions, and movement related to failed placement. J. Seigel (IN) seconded. The motion passed.**

2016 Performance Measurement

- Representative Belli updated that the 2016 Performance Measurement Plan was emailed to Commissioners at the end of last year. Two standards will be evaluated this year: (1) Rule 4-102 regarding the completion of the home evaluation in 45-days and that it is present in JIDS when the workflow is returned to the sending state; and (2) the removal of inactive JIDS users

Adjourn

- Representative Belli proposed two dates in May for the next region meeting. The Midwest Region discussed and reached a consensus was reached to meet Thursday, May 12, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m. EST.
- **L. Quam (ND) made a motion to adjourn. S. Hagan (WI) seconded. Representative Belli adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 12:10 p.m. EST.**