



INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES
South Region Meeting
Minutes

February 23, 2016
10:00 a.m. EST

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Mia Pressley (SC) Representative
2. Patrick Pendergast (AL) Designee
3. Judy Miller (AR) Designee
4. Bruce Wright (DC) Commissioner
5. Agnes Denson (FL) Commissioner
6. Melonie Taylor-Gore (MS) Designee
7. Julie Hawkins (MO) Commissioner
8. Traci Marchand (NC) Commissioner
9. Steven Buck (OK) Commissioner
10. Cathlyn Samuel (TN) Commissioner
11. Daryl Liedecke (TX) Commissioner
12. Natalie Dalton (VA) Commissioner

Commissioners/Designee Not in Attendance:

1. Avery Niles (GA) Commissioner
2. Karen King-Jones (KY) Commissioner
3. Angela Bridgewater (LA) Commissioner
4. Sherry Jones (MD) Commissioner
5. Michael Lacy (WV) Commissioner
6. Randall Wagner (WV) Designee

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Kaki Sanford (AL)
2. Phyllis Hall (GA)
3. Maxine Baggett (MS)
4. Stephen Horton (NC)
5. Rachel Johnson (NC)
6. Robert Hendryx (OK)
7. Correnthia Copeland (TN)

Guest in Attendance:

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

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Ashley Lippert, ICJ Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Administrative and Logistics Coordinator

Call to Order

Representative Pressley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. EST.

Roll Call

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

Agenda

D. Liedecke (TX) made a motion to approve the agenda. N. Dalton (VA) seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes

J. Miller (AR) made a motion to approve the November 12, 2015 meeting minutes.

M. Taylor-Gore (MS) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

States in Transition

- Representative Pressley updated on the task assigned to all regions to offer suggestions that expand the ICJ Best Practice: States in Transition and commented on the importance of communication and early notification to the National Office, the Training Chair, and Region Representatives when a staff vacancy occurs.
- Commission Chair Marchand explained ICJ's goal to provide adequate assistance during transition through training and mentoring.
- Training Chair Connor reported that the Training Committee works with states to develop a specific training plan that provides needed levels of training and appointing a support mentor.
- The South Region reviewed the current best practice and suggested that the best person to mentor another state may be from a different region. Members will forward any additional suggestions to Representative Pressley.

Rules Committee Update

- Rules Committee Chair Hawkins updated that the Rules Committee meets bi-monthly during this non-rule making year working through a list of agenda items. The South Region's items regarding pre-adjudicated home evaluations and records requests are on the list and have not yet been addressed.
- Representative Pressley added that the new 2016 Rules Trainings are underway and have been well attended. Numerous sessions are scheduled and she encouraged states to register.

Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee Update

- C. Samuel (TN) explained her recent email to the region members requesting them to update their state's information in regards to Human Trafficking. The information from all regions will be compiled into a Human Trafficking Matrix.
- A. Connor (NV) explained the statistical information presented for each state was collected in 2014 by the Polaris Project.
- A. Connor (NV) highlighted each of the 12 categories of information being collected:
 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
- P. Pendergast (AL) questioned if additional information should be provided in addition to a “yes” or “no”. A. Connor (NV) clarified that members are welcome to add any key points on their state’s status.
 - J. Hawkins (MO) commented that most ICJ Compact Commissioners and Designees would not have access to this information and questioned where it could be located. In addition to the FBI, A. Connor (NV) suggested reaching out to their state’s human trafficking task force, special committees, legislative liaisons, State Bureau of Investigation, and the Attorney General’s Office.

Executive Committee Update

- A. Lippert updated that all committees reported during the January Executive Committee meeting and all materials impacted by the new 2016 Rules have been updated. The Training Committee has multiple trainings scheduled on the new rules. The Technology Committee is working through JIDS enhancement requests. The Finance Committee reported the 2016 budget to be in good standing and that the 2017 dues invoices would be issued in April. There are no compliance issues before the Compliance Committee. The Executive Committee will conduct a strategic planning session during their face to face meeting in March and Commission Chair Marchand will present the Strategic Plan during the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.

State Updates

- R. Hendryx (OK) introduced the newly appointed Oklahoma Commissioner Steven Buck.
- M. Taylor-Gore (MS) announced Commissioner Richard Berry retired January 31 and she will retire June 30, 2016.
- A. Denson (FL) updated that Keisha Mackie is no longer with the ICJ Compact office.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourn

- **B. Wright (DC) made a motion to adjourn. M. Taylor-Gore (MS) seconded. Representative Pressley adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 10:42 a.m. EST.**