



## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### West Region Meeting

#### *Minutes*

February 16, 2016

3:00 p.m. EST

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

1. Dale Dodd (NM) Commissioner, Representative
2. Barbara Murray (AK) Commissioner
3. John Crabtree (AZ) Designee
4. Michael Farmer (CA) Designee
5. Summer Foxworth (CO) Commissioner
6. Linda Kiyotoki (HI) Designee
7. Alicia Ehlers (ID) Designee
8. Philip Cox (OR) Commissioner
9. Jessica Eldredge (UT) Designee
10. Dawn Bailey (WA) Designee
11. Gary Hartman (WY) Commissioner

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

1. Cindy McKenzie (MT) Commissioner
2. Anne Connor (NV) Commissioner
3. Gloria Soja (OR) Designee
4. Bonnie Glenn (WA) Commissioner

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

1. Lisa Beeson (AZ)
2. Jeff Christofferson (MT)

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

None

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

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

#### **Call to Order**

Representative Dodd called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. EST.

#### **Roll Call**

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

#### **Agenda**

**J. Crabtree (AZ) made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Ehlers (ID) seconded. The motion passed.**

## Minutes

**D. Dodd (NM) made a motion to approve the November 3, 2015 meeting minutes. M. Farmer (CA) seconded. The motion passed.**

## Discussion

### State Updates

- Idaho and New Mexico updated that their State Council's membership has or will incur vacancies due to legislative turnover.

### Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee Update

- A. Ehlers (ID) reported that the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee is working to develop a Human Trafficking Matrix. The matrix will provide updated information on what each state is doing in response to the federal legislation on human trafficking. The matrix will align itself with the Polaris Project's statistical information in each of 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. Ehlers (ID) presented a spreadsheet listing the twelve categories and the status of each West Region state in each of the categories as of 2014. The ad hoc committee is requesting that each state update their current status. As the West Region facilitator from the ad hoc committee, A. Ehlers (ID) will email the spreadsheet and additional information to each state. She shared her experience of locating information in Idaho and recommended using each state's human trafficking task force as an initial resource.
- A. Lippert updated that Chair Connor has requested the information be submitted to the region facilitators before the Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee meeting on April 12.

## Old Business

### States in Transition Goals and Plan

- Representative Dodd briefed that at their previous meeting, the West Region discussed the request by Commission Chair Marchand that region representatives submit goals relative to the Best Practice: States in Transition. He opened the floor to additional suggestions to assigning a mentor and displaying patience and tact when working with new staff in ICJ Compact offices.
- The West Region discussed the mentor's role, suggesting that the mentor reach out to the new staff and to stay in contact regularly.

- A. Ehlers (ID) suggested re-announcing new people and denoting new staff on the ICJ website.
- M. Farmer (CA) spoke to the numerous hours of training conducted by Anne Connor in Tennessee and the training conducted for Iowa and questioned how the training and trainers are dispensed and suggested establishing a protocol. A. Lippert explained that in accordance with the Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Policy states request training. The request is then forwarded to the Training Committee Chair for approval and a determination of who conducts the training. Chair Connor volunteered to conduct the Tennessee training and appointed Mia Pressley (SC) in the South Region as Tennessee's mentor. Joy Swantz (WI) volunteered to train Iowa onsite. Additionally, the Region Representatives, Training Chair, and Commission Chair have reached out to states when a staff vacancy is anticipated.

### **New Business**

- L. Kiyotoki (HI) suggested that the Rules Committee clarify the new Rule 4-104 regarding the return of juveniles within five business days. The language is confusing as to whether the travel or only the travel arrangements be completed in five business days.
- Representative Dodd will share with the Rules Committee at the next Rules Committee meeting.

### **Adjourn**

- **D. Dodd (NM) made a motion to adjourn. P. Cox (OR) seconded. Representative Dodd adjourned by meeting by unanimous consent at 3:36 p.m. EST.**