



ASSOCIATION OF JUVENILE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS

Mid-Winter Workshop

March 24, 2001

Reno, Nevada

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Jim Chaffee, Arizona

Cindy Pittman, Georgia

Karen King, Kentucky

Rose Ann Bisch, Minnesota

Michael Epstein, NJ-Parole

Pamela Helbling, North Dakota

Judy Miller, Arkansas

Sarah Jane Stark, Iowa

Sarah LeBlanc, Louisiana

Lisa Johnson, Mississippi

John Gusz, NJ-Probation

Donna Bonner, Texas

Amanda Beagles, Florida

Michael Reddish, NE-Prole

Beth Meng, Louisiana

Sharon Brophy, NJ-Parole

Jeff Patnode, Washington

Margo Bryce, Vermont

Secretariat:

Kristine C. Prince

1. WELCOME/ROLL CALL

Michael Reddish welcomed everyone to the last session of the 2001 Mid-Winter Workshop. Roll call was taken by the Secretariat. Mr. Reddish asked the Strategic Planning Committee and the Rules and Regulations Committee to present their final reports to the membership.

2. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mike Epstein, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, presented his committee's final report. He identified the following goals the committee set for the next year:

- Revise the expired Strategic Plan, and give it the new name of "Interim Plan" since the new plan will cover the time period from now until the new juvenile compact is enacted.
- Encourages the use of the new AJCA website, and suggests that all Form V's be handled through the website. After some discussion, it was decided that the committee will survey all of the states and see what states actually use the Form V.
- Establish an AJCA Transition Committee which would identify areas of concern which should be addressed by the drafting team. One area of concern is the question about what will happen during the time period when there are states who have signed onto the new compact, and states who have not yet signed onto the new compact. How will this work? How will cases be handled between those states? The future of AJCA is also of concern.

- Proposes to request that the Bylaws Committee review the AJCA officer positions and make a recommendation for possible changes such as changing the name of Vice-President to "President Elect." Does the Association need both positions of AJCA Secretary and AJCA Secretariat? The committee requests that the Bylaws Committee develop a proposal by June 1, 2001 to send to the membership, and should be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
- Encourages the use of the AJCA webpage and hopes to develop some incentives to get all compact administrators and their staffs to use the technology that is available to them via the web. Donna Bonner suggested that the drafting team consider allowing the use of electronic signatures on forms in the future.

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Judy Miller gave the report for the Rules and Regulations Committee, and excused Lyle Cunningham of Missouri who is co-chair of this committee who was unable to attend the workshop. Ms. Miller reported that the committee has set the following priorities during the next year:

- Review of the OJJDP/NIC survey that was done last year, and compare the concerns that were generated by that survey to the current AJCA Rules and Regulations, assessing whether the concerns are adequately addressed by the current Rules and Regulations.
- Review the staff/case ratio for each state and make recommendations about what the ideal staff/case ratio should be. It is hoped that this information will help get additional funding for those offices that are understaffed.
- The AJCA forms will continue to be reviewed and possibly revised.
- Develop a proposed rule regarding "confidentiality" of case materials (social histories, psychiatric evaluations, etc.) that are included in the request for compact services by the sending state.
- Review Rule 4-105 (Cooperative Supervision/Services Requirements), and consider a proposal to add language to the effect that "it is the responsibility of the sending state to pay any expenses incurred as a result of court-ordered treatment in the receiving state."
- Review Rule 5-113 (Detention) and correct language from "home/demanding state" to "home state."
- Draft a revision to Rule 4-104 (Authority to Accept Supervision) changing the title to

“Authorization to Accept/Deny Supervision.” Language will be proposed stating “It is the responsibility of the state’s ICJ Office to either accept or deny cases. Parole/probation staff do not have the authority to accept or deny cases.” It is also proposed that in this same rule, language be added stating “A receiving state cannot reject a case simply based on age of the juvenile or the offense for which s/he has been adjudicated.” It is also proposed that language be added to this rule stating that a case can be denied if the juvenile’s proposed placement is not with a parent or legal guardian or because of the inappropriateness of the home situation.

- Proposes that some sections in the 2000 Rules and Regulations be moved around to provide a better flow of information.
- Proposes a new rule be drafted requiring the submission of statistics for the yearly report.
- Review of Rule 5-110 (Public Safety), and new language proposed stating that “a decision about whether a juvenile should be returned to the home state with or without an escort will be reached only after an assessment is made by both the holding state and the home state.”
- The membership suggested that the committee consider numbering all paragraphs in the Rules and Regulations.
- Another suggestion was made that the committee consider adding language that “the level of victim notification required in the receiving state is based upon the law in the sending state.” Rose Ann Bisch volunteered to work with Ms. Miller on drafting this language.

Mr. Reddish thanked both the Rules and Regulations Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee for all of their efforts and hard work during this meeting. He asked all committee chairs to submit a written committee report to the Secretariat to include with the meeting minutes.

Pam Helbling asked if each committee chair would write a small summary of their final reports for inclusion in the newsletter. All newsletter articles are to be in to the Secretariat by April 15, 2001.

4. CLOSING REMARKS/ADJOURN

Once again, Mike Reddish thanked all of those in attendance for all of their

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contributions to the Mid-Winter Meeting. The business of administering the Interstate Compact on Juveniles is a team effort, and is based on the good will of all states signatory to the Compact. He wished everyone well and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kristine C. Prince, AJCA Secretariat
April 6, 2001