



# ASSOCIATION OF JUVENILE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS

Mid-Winter Workshop

March 26, 2002

Houston, Texas

## Meeting Minutes

### Officers Present:

Michael C. Reddish, President, NE Parole \*

Donna Bonner, Secretary, TX

Cindy Pittman, Treasurer, GA\*

### Board Members Present:

Judy Miller, AR

Jim Chaffee, AZ

Summer Foxworth, CO

M. Jody Taylor, ID

Karen King-Jones, KY

John Gusz, NJ Probation

### Attendees:

JoAnn Phillips Rohan, DC

Paulette Levy, IL

Christine Reece, KS

Paul Gibson, KY

Brent Buerck, MO

John Paradis, MT

Judy Stephens, NC

Duane Edwards, NM

James Eakins, OK

Billy Moren, OK

Amanda Behe, PA

Johnny Stewart, TN

Margo Bryce, VT

Cristy Paulette, TX

Lorena Pratt, TX

Daphne Walker, TX

Krista Whitehead, TX

Michelle Latter, VA

Karen Buswell, WI

Glenda Anderson, TX

Debra Bickerstaff, TX

Frank Brown, TX

Bart Caldwell, TX (a.m.)

Marvell Cox, TX

Todd Dannelly, TX \*\*

Jerry Jameson, TX

Helen George (p.m.)

Solomon Johnson, TX

Joe Joseph, TX (a.m.)

Astrid Lertora, TX

Todd Novak, TX

Arivay Ruedas, TX

Bobbie Shelton, TX

Walter Stephens, TX

John Valentine, TX

Jill Antilley, TX

Robert Barnaba, TX

Thomas Brooks, TX

Timothy Broussard, TX

Donna Ellis, TX

William Ben Hagans, Jr., TX

Debera Myers, TX

Cheryl Newman, TX

Bryan Pair, TX

Randy Plair, TX

Danny Sampson, TX

Ron Shuffield, TX

Barbara Sullivan, TX

### Speakers:

Elmer Bailey, Executive Director, Harris County  
Juvenile Probation Department

Steve Robinson, Executive Director, TYC

Dr. David Roush, NJDA

\* Present at Juvenile Justice Conference in the afternoon

\*\* Present at most sessions - didn't sign in.

1. **WELCOME/PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

The Workshop began with an Opening Ceremony with the Presentation of Colors by the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Boot Camp Color Guard Cadets. Steve Robinson, Executive Director of the Texas Youth Commission and Texas Compact Administrator, welcomed everyone to Texas and spoke about juvenile corrections in the state. Elmer Bailey, Executive Director of the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, welcomed everyone to Harris County and provided an update on juvenile crime.

Mike Reddish, AJCA President, thanked both of the Texas officials for their presentations and their sponsorship of the Workshop. President Reddish welcomed AJCA members, Texas Youth Commission staff, Texas juvenile probation and law enforcement officials to the AJCA Mid-Winter Workshop and gave an overview of the meeting's agenda.

President Reddish stated that through the work of the Partnership Committee, representatives of the National Juvenile Detention Association (NJDA), National Association of Extradition Officials (NAEO), and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) would be speaking to the group. These organizations have sent representatives to the Mid-Winter Workshop at their own expense and, in turn, have asked AJCA to send a representative to their national meetings this year as well. Amanda Beagles spoke to the IACP Board in Miami earlier this year. Donna Bonner is scheduled to present to the NAEO in Lake Tahoe, California, in June. AJCA is pursuing partnerships with other professional organizations that provide services to juveniles or have similar mandates. Partnerships are an important part of the Strategic Plan.

President Reddish advised that both he and Treasurer Pittman would present an ICJ workshop at the Juvenile Justice Conference that afternoon but would return with Dr. Roush in time for his discussion on the National Detention Association.

2. **ICJ TRAINING**

Donna Bonner, TX, and Duane Edwards, NM, provided in-depth training regarding: (1) Introduction to the Interstate Compact on Juveniles, and (2) ICJ Return Articles and Amendments. Ms. Bonner stated that the workshop's theme "*ICJ: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*" capsulized the agenda. The first three days of the Workshop would concentrate on the "*Yesterday and Today*" part of the theme, while the "*Tomorrow*" portion would be discussed in detail by the Council of State Governments in their presentation of the New Compact.

During Tuesday's modules, the participants were provided the opportunity to

understand how and why the ICJ came about, how to return runaways, absconders, escapees, both voluntary and involuntary, what the runaway, rendition and out-of-state confinement amendments are and how to apply, due process methods, detention, how age differences between states are handled, how to use commercial airliners in the return of unaccompanied non-delinquent runaways, surveillance, and when to use escorts in the return of runaways, absconders and escapees. The training included various group exercises. Training materials included a copy of the AJCA Manual and a hard copy of the Powerpoint presentation.

3. NATIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION ASSOCIATION

Dr. Roush provided an overview of NJDA and discussed how our organizations could work better together.

4. ADJOURN

President Reddish provided a summary of the ICJ workshop entitled, "The New Improved Interstate Compact for Juveniles" that he and Ms. Pittman presented at the 29<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Juvenile Justice. The presentation took place at the Westin Hotel in Houston's Galleria community. Ms. Pittman and Mr. Reddish were introduced by Judge Doug Johnson of Omaha, NE. Those attending were given a brief history of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles and the events leading to the need to rewrite this historic compact. Participants were informed of the process of the past one and a half years to rewrite the ICJ. Participants were acquainted with the provisions of the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles and how the new language will enable administrators across the country to provide better, more efficient, quality services to juvenile offenders.

Mr. Reddish thanked Ms. Bonner and Mr. Edwards for the day's training. He invited everyone to the hospitality suite hosted by the Texas ICJ office. He thanked Ms. Bonner and her staff for all the work they have done to prepare for this meeting, The meeting was then adjourned.