



**ASSOCIATION OF JUVENILE COMPACT ADMINISTRATORS**  
**2007 Mid-Year Meeting**  
**March 1, 2007**  
**Charleston, South Carolina**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Officers Present:**

Michael Lacy, West Virginia, President  
Ryan Pinto, Washington, Vice President  
Cindy Pittman, Georgia, Treasurer

**Secretariat:**

Kristine C. Prince

**Members Present:**

Judy Miller, Arkansas\*  
Summer Foxworth, Colorado\*  
JoAnn P. Rohan, D.C.  
Jean Hall, Florida  
Alicia Ehlers, Idaho  
Robert Champion, Indiana Probation  
Dawne Gannon, South Carolina  
Gerry Prine, Iowa  
Beth Meng, Louisiana  
Mark Boger, Maine\*  
Cynthia Yim, Maryland\*  
Rose Ann Bisch, Minnesota  
Julie Hawkins, Missouri  
Kari Rumbaugh, Nebraska Probation  
Linda Bowmer, Nevada  
Dennis Wertz, New Jersey Probation

Dale Dodd, New Mexico  
Pamela Helbling, North Dakota  
Robyn Peterson, Ohio\*  
James Eakins, Oklahoma  
Carol Gillespie, Oregon  
Natalie Primak, Pennsylvania  
Willie L. Robinson, Tennessee  
Donna Bonner, Texas  
Letta Porter, Virginia  
Randall Wagner, West Virginia  
Lori Pendleton, Wisconsin

\*Board Members

**Guests:**

John Mountjoy, The Council of State Governments, Lexington, KY

1. **WELCOME**

President Lacy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roll call was taken by the Secretariat.

2. **UPDATE ON THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES**

John Mountjoy, The Council of State Governments (CSG), provided an update on the passage of the new interstate compact. Thirty states have become signatory to the new compact. Nine states have introduced the legislation during this legislative session. Five more signatory states are needed before the compact will become federal law. It is anticipated that the 35-state threshold will be met by the end of this spring.

Mr. Mountjoy advised that when the 35<sup>th</sup> state signs on to the compact, formal notice will be

sent to all states of the passage. A transition advisory group will be formed and states will appoint representatives to the new National Commission. CSG will provide assistance to states to develop their state councils during this time. Public notification of the bill's passage will go out to all public agencies involved with interstate compact.

During Year One, state dues will be assessed and planning for dues for subsequent years will be undertaken. An interim chair of the National Commission will be appointed who will be an "impartial outsider" of the interstate compact community. During this year, the National Commission will draft interim Rules and Regulations and Bylaws. A transition rule will be adopted. The National Commission will develop a committee structure and elect officers and Board members. It is anticipated that the inaugural National Commission meeting will be held in the Fall of 2007.

After the first meeting is held, a chief executive officer will be hired, as well as staff for the national office. Decisions will be made about the location of the national office. The rule-making process will begin and a training curriculum will be developed. The technological requirements will be developed and the national office will work with state IT departments to ensure that the necessary hardware is in place in order to communicate with the national data base. The National Commission will decide whether to "piggyback" onto the software system of the adult national data base or whether to develop their own. The Commission will also develop a compliance plan and will work to recruit the remaining non-signatory states.

During Year Two, the second Commission meeting will be held and the Rules and Regulations will be adopted. At this same time, compliance measures will be adopted and the training curriculum will be approved.

Mr. Mountjoy encouraged members to access the resources available online on the CSG website and to track the passage of the new compact. President Lacy thanked Mr. Mountjoy for coming to Charleston to provide this update.

### **3. REGIONAL MEETINGS**

The group was divided into regions and asked to discuss: (1) What impact the new compact will have in that region; and (2) identify any regional issues that need to be dealt with. In the small group meetings, members were asked to chose a spokesperson and to report back to the larger group later in the morning.

The following reports were given:

Mid-West and North Central Region: Pam Helbling (ND), Spokesperson

Region attendees: Kari Rumbaugh (Nebraska); Rose Ann Bisch (Minnesota); Lori Pendleton (Wisconsin)

This region discussed how they will deal with cases from the State of Minnesota after the new compact is enacted since Minnesota has not signed any new compact legislation. They also discussed several small issues effecting their region, but felt that these issues could be dealt with as training issues.

Northwest and West Coast Region: Ryan Pinto (WA), Spokesperson  
Region attendees: Carol Gillespie (Oregon), Alicia Ehlers (Idaho), Linda Bowmer (Nevada)

This region has three states that have not yet passed the compact legislation. They discussed how to do business with those states once the new compact is enacted. They also encouraged other states to use an existing committee as their state council. The issues they discussed are: (1) It is a problem that many ICJ kids are excluded from juvenile detention facilities; (2) this region would like the state of New Mexico to be in this region because they all do so much business with New Mexico, and, (3) this region is not supportive of border agreements.

Midwest and Central Region: Summer Foxworth (CO), Spokesperson  
Region attendees: James Eakins, (Oklahoma); Dale Dodd, (New Mexico); Donna Bonner, (Texas); Gerry Prine, (Iowa); Beth Meng, (Louisiana); Judy Miller, (Arkansas); Julie Hawkins (Missouri)

Members of this region talked about what the impact on their workload may be with the passage of the new compact. Members discussed the anxiety they are feeling if commissioners in their region choose not to bring deputy compact administrators to the National Commission meeting because commissioners will be lacking the important input of someone who actually does the work of the compact on a day-to-day basis. They are hoping that the National Commission will decide to keep the AJCA Rules and Regulations during the transition period for the first 18 months for the sake of consistency.

Midwest and Northeast: Mark Boger (ME), Spokesperson  
Region Attendees: Cynthia Yim (Maryland); Robert Champion (Indiana Probation); Dennis Wertz (New Jersey Parole); Letta Porter (Virginia); Randall Wagner (West Virginia); Robyn Peterson (Ohio); Natalie Primak (Pennsylvania); JoAnn Rohan (D.C.)

This region reported that they don't have any issues that need to be addressed within their region, but they did express continued concern regarding the legality of the Form IA/VI because, in their opinion, it does not afford a juvenile his/her due process rights. Other topics they talked about are: (1) forming state councils; (2) issues with airlines in returning runaways; and, (3) housing juveniles in adult facilities.

Southeast Region: Cindy Pittman (GA), Spokesperson  
Region attendees: Willie L. Robinson (Tennessee); Paul Gibson (Kentucky); Jean Hall (Florida), Dawne Gannon (South Carolina).

Cindy reported that this region discussed several issues: (1) agencies taking juveniles to the airport for transportation back home who are not properly dressed; (2) juveniles being held in adult facilities; and (3) airlines not wanting to board unaccompanied minors.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Lacy brought the issue of border agreements to the attention of the group since the State of Idaho is considering entering into border agreements with its border states. Some members stated that border agreements are a direct violation of Rules and Regulations. However, Mr. Lacy read Rule 2-100 to the group and said that the language in that rule says that border agreements are invalid only if they conflict with the Interstate Compact. He suggested that if the Association does not want to allow border agreements, the language in Rule 2-100 needs to be strengthened.

Questions have arisen about how ICJ business will be conducted after the passage of the new

Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Since it appears that several states will not have signed onto the new compact when it is enacted, President Lacy clarified that compacting and non-compacting states will continue to do business as usual during the first twelve months after the new compact becomes law because the Transition Rule states that during this period, the AJCA Rules and Regulations will be adopted by the National Commission. After that first year, if a non-compacting state is the home state, then the AJCA Rules and Regulations will be enforced; and if the home state is a compacting state, then the new rules established by the National Commission will be enforced.

The meeting was then adjourned until the following day.

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