

Interstate Compact State Council

September 23, 2022

Minutes

The Indiana Interstate Compact State Council met on September 23, 2022, at 12:00-1:00 p.m. at 201 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Justin Forkner presided over the meeting.

1. **Members present.** The following members attended the meeting:
 - Justin Forkner, chief administrative officer of Office of Judicial Administration and chairperson
 - Mary Kay Hudson, executive director of Indiana Office of Court Services and Compact Administrator
 - Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
 - Joel Gruber, proxy for commissioner of Indiana Department of Correction
 - Don Travis, proxy for director of Department of Child Services
 - Bernice Corley, executive director of Indiana Public Defender Council
 - Laura Berry, executive director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 - Devon McDonald, executive director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
2. **Members absent.** The following members did not attend the meeting:
 - Judge Kelsey Hanlon, president of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
 - Steve Luce, executive director of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
 - Sen. Jack Sandlin, Indiana General Assembly
3. **Guests present.** Judge Darrin Dolehanty of Wayne Circuit Court (video) and CPO Kory George of Wayne County Probation Department attended the meeting as guests.
4. **Staff present.** Jenny Bauer, April Dubree, Angie Hensley, David Sexton, Nita Wright (video), April Simmons, and Nataly Sevilla provided staff assistance to the Council.
5. **September 15, 2021, meeting minutes.** Don Travis moved to approve the March 23, 2022, meeting minutes and Joel Gruber seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Adult and Juvenile Compact Updates.**
 - **Adult Compact.** April Simmons reported the following on the Adult Compact:
 - Indiana counties continue to exceed the national average and remain in compliance with reports.
 - Office of Court Services compact staff is removing "junk and duplicate offenders" in the ICOTS system.

- ICOTS released a new warrants feature to ensure jurisdictions are issuing warrants that meet ICAOS compliance.
 - Nita Wright introduced Nataly Sevilla as the new compact specialist with the Indiana Office of Court Services- Compact Office.
- **Juvenile Compact.** April Simmons reported the following on the Juvenile Compact:
 - The Interstate Compact for Juveniles Executive Committee voted to create a Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee after being an ad hoc committee for two years. The Committee recently completed a “data walk” pulled from UNITY to see if goals line up with the data. The State Council discussed getting Indiana data to see if there are racial disparities in acceptance and rejection of cases.
 - Compact Staff are using the new Tableau Report from UNITY to purge duplicate youth profiles and ensure system data remains accurate and reliable.
7. **Training.** April Simmons reported that the Compact Office has scheduled a training in Hancock County on January 10, 2023, at the request of the Hancock County Public Defender Office. The Compact Office is planning a joint training with the Illinois Compact Office that will be conducted via Zoom. The training will cover concerns common to both states. Ms. Simmons also reported that judges and probation officers from 6-8 counties have requested training regarding runaways, detention stays, and youth arrests. She further reported that IOCS compact staff plan to create a training for all new UNITY users based on frequently asked questions from the field. This training will be recorded and edited to send to new users.
8. **Annual Business Meetings.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that the 2022 ICAOS Annual Business Meeting is September 26-28 in New York City. The national office will premiere a documentary to celebrate the ICAOS 20-year anniversary. The national office will also release the findings of the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) comprehensive study of the adult interstate supervision transfer system. Ms. Hudson reported that 2022 is an election year for ICAOS officers and she is a candidate for ICAOS chair. Ms. Hudson also reported the 2022 ICJ Annual Business Meeting is October 3-6 in Burlington, Vermont.
9. **Juvenile Returns and Placement.** Judge Darrin Dolehanty addressed the State Council regarding Wayne County’s recent experience with a youth who ran away from another state. Judge Dolehanty expressed frustration with the length of time it took the state of origin to pick up the young girl for return to her home. Mary Kay Hudson stated the issues with this case were timely transport and safe placement of the child. She noted that many states struggle with transport issues with runaway cases and suggested

Indiana could raise this as an issue at the ICJ Annual Business Meeting. The State Council members discussed also raising transportation issues at the Midwest Regional meeting. Judge Dolehanty suggested possible ICJ rule changes to allow for "soft placement" rather than detention in similar situations.

10. Victim Notification. Laura Berry reported that she and Mary Kay Hudson met with Brent Myers at the Department of Correction to discuss victim notification in outgoing transfer cases. DOC can expand victim notification to a larger group of cases provided a data source is available for the events triggering notice. Ms. Berry and Ms. Hudson requested State Council permission to initiate discussions with DOC and Court Technology to explore feasibility, costs, and possible timeline for expansion of notices. The State Council members consented to exploring this opportunity.

11. Appointment of Adult Compact Deputy Compact Administrator. Mary Kay Hudson recommended that the State Council appoint April Simmons as the adult deputy compact administrator. Don Travis moved to appoint April Simmons as adult deputy compact administrator and Bernice Corley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Next Meeting Date. The Interstate Compact State Council is scheduled to meet December 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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