

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Region Meeting



May 23, 2023
Meeting Minutes
11:00 a.m. ET
Via Zoom

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner, Region Representative
2. Sasaun Lane (OH), Commissioner, Alternate Representative
3. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
4. Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Commissioner
5. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
6. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
7. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
8. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
9. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner

Commissioners/Designees not in Attendance:

1. Marie McNeal (KS), Acting Commissioner
2. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Holly Kassube (IL)
2. Molly Dearing (IL)
3. Nataly Sevilla (IN)
4. Nita Wright (IN)
5. April Simmons (IN)
6. Liz Wilson (KS)
7. Abbie Christian (NE)
8. Kathy Christianson (SD)
9. Jennifer McFadden (WI)

Guest in Attendance:

None

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administration Specialist
3. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
4. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager
5. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist

Call to Order

Representative Frieberg called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. ET.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

K. Torres (IA) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. T. Hudrlik (MN) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion

Proposed amendment to Rule 4-102: Sending and Receiving Referrals *by the Midwest Region*

- Representative Frieberg asked T. Hudrlik (MN) to provide an update from the Rules Committee.
- T. Hudrlik (MN) reported that the Rules Committee reviewed all comments to the 2023 rule proposals during their face-to-face meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, on May 16, 2023.
- The primary concern by the Rules Committee about the proposed amendment to Rule 4-102 by the Midwest Region was “supervision” of a juvenile prior to acceptance of a referral. While the Rules Committee agreed with concerns about juveniles who are in receiving states for a long time without any contact awaiting acceptance of referrals, they did not support the proposed rule amendment as submitted by the Midwest.
- The Rules Committee deliberated the Midwest Region’s proposal at length, particularly in the areas of: “Reporting Instructions” (what would be included and how they would be shared); and “Point of Contact” (who should that be and what authority would they have to do anything until the referral is accepted).
- The Rules Committee’s discussion led to recommended edits to the proposal for the Midwest Region to consider. T. Hudrlik (MN) explained the proposed edits presented with the new text, which is depicted in green below.

~~c. Reporting instructions Point of Contact– The receiving sending state shall provide a point of contact within ten (10) calendar days request reporting instructions for a juvenile who resides in the receiving state at the time the referral is submitted. of compact eligibility per 4-101.~~

~~i. The sending state shall submit a request for reporting instructions within 7 business days of the initial compact eligibility when the youth resides in the receiving state. A request for reporting instructions shall include, but not be limited to, conditions of supervision.~~

~~ii. The receiving state shall provide reporting instructions to the sending state within 5 business days of receiving a request for reporting instructions for a juvenile who was residing in the receiving state at the time of compact eligibility. Reporting instructions shall, at a minimum, identify a contact within the receiving state who is available to The point of contact shall assist the juvenile and the family as needed during the investigation of the referral.~~

~~iii. The sending state shall be responsible for communicating the point of contact reporting instructions to the juvenile and the family and continuing supervision until the transfer of supervision is accepted in a timely manner.~~

~~iv. The sending state shall maintain supervision responsibility until the juvenile is present in the receiving state and reported per the reporting instructions. The receiving state shall have the authority to supervise juveniles pursuant to reporting instructions issued in a manner and degree deemed necessary and appropriate.~~

- M. Tymkew (MI) also attended the Rules Committee meeting and concurred with the update provided.
- A. Christian (NE) commented that the recommended changes align with the intent of the proposal. N. Wright (IN) agreed.
- M. K. Hudson (IN) noted the word “assist” and questioned whether states would understand what is expected. She suggested the amendment training expand on the concept and include expectations of minimal assistance for guidance. T. Hudrlik (MN) agreed.
- **T. Hudrlik (MN) made a motion that the Midwest Region accept the recommendations as presented to their proposal by the Rules Committee. M. K. Hudson (IN) seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- T. Hudrlik (MN) asked what the next steps would be. Director Underwood responded that Representative Frieberg will update the Executive Committee in their May meeting. The Rules Committee will be notified and reconsider their recommending adoption.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

UNITY Enhancements

- Director Underwood shared the UNITY Enhancement Release Schedule. She explained the chart and the three-phase rollout of the UNITY enhancements.
- She encouraged members to go the Commission’s website for a more details ([click here](#)).

Month	UNITY Spotlight	Release to Training Site	Wednesday Workshop Training Session	Release Reminder Email to ICJOs	Release Date & Zoom Open House
June	5/18	5/23	5/31 at 2:30 pm ET	6/1	6/13
July	6/20	6/27	6/28 at 1:00 pm ET	7/6	7/11
August	7/13	7/25	7/26 at 1:00 pm ET	8/1	8/8-11

- Additionally, Director Underwood shared the chart below which depicts the features and functionality in each of the phases of the UNITY enhancements releases.



- Representative Frieberg expressed his appreciation for the update. There were no further questions or comments.

Adjourn

Representative C. Frieberg (SD) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:22 a.m. ET.