

Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (MSCIJS)

Wednesday August 30, 2017 1:00 p.m.
Grand Tower Building, 13th Floor
235 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Minutes

MSCIJS Members in Attendance:

Honorable John D. Tomlinson, Probate & Family Court, St. Clair County
Cheri Arwood, the Office of the Governor, State of Michigan
Honorable Margaret O'Brien, Michigan State Senate

Ad Hoc MSCIJS Members in Attendance:

Roy Yaple, MSCIJS – Designee
Matt Doolittle

- I. Welcome, introduction and meeting agenda presentation by Roy Yaple.
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 08, 2017 council meeting.
 - Motion to approve was made and seconded with approval.
- III. Adherence to Open Meetings Act (OMA).
 - MSCIJS meeting notice was publically posted within specified time frame in compliance with the OMA.
 - Meeting minutes will be publically posted within specified time frame on MDHHS web page in compliance with OMA.
- IV. Council update by Roy Yaple.
 - Carla Blinkhorn formally resigned from the council as of November 30, 2016.
 - Dale Murray formally resigned from the council as of July 23, 2017.
 - Both resignation letters were forwarded to the Governor's office.
 - The council will work with the Governor's appointment office to suggest a possible replacement for Ms. Blinkhorn. Mr. Yaple has applied for appointment as Michigan's ICJ Commissioner.
- V. An update on the 2017 ICJ Annual Business Meeting was provided by Roy Yaple.
 - The meeting will be held in San Diego, CA on September 25 - 27, 2017, with Roy Yaple in attendance.

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- VI. Office of Auditor General (OAG) interstate audit update by Roy Yaple.
- The audit process is continuing with work on finalizing draft findings.
 - MDHHS is currently waiting on a final report from the OAG regarding findings.
 - Questions at the end of the update included:
 - i. Were preliminary findings shared with MDHHS?
 - ii. Did the audit reveal anything concerning?

Follow-up discussion revealed that, although preliminary findings were shared with MDHHS, details are confidential and cannot be discussed at this time.

- VII. Presentation of the ICJ rule proposals for September Annual Business Meeting by Roy Yaple.
- Rule proposals have been released by National ICJ to the public.
 - Many proposals involve the reorganization of existing rules and/or the rewording of current rule language.
 - Three proposals directly affect the transfer of supervision process, specifically relating to supervision during the home study process.
 - Proposals would make the receiving state responsible for supervision as soon as the referral has been submitted.
 - Questions at the end of the presentation included:
 - i. How many states receive more ICJ cases than they send out?
 - ii. In Rule 4-103, do the proposed language changes create a discrepancy in section B and D?
 - iii. Are proposed changes regarding the transfer process coming from a specific region and not the Rules Committee?
 - iv. Does Michigan statute cover rules changes enacted after the Statute?

Follow-up discussion revealed that it is not readily known how many states receive more incoming cases than they send out. This information could be tracked and reviewed at a later date, if desired. After discussion about Rule 4-103, it was decided that the wording within the proposed changes could be clearer but a conflict does not exist in section B and D. The proposed changes regarding the supervision transfer process are indeed coming from a specific region and were not recommended for approval by the ICJ Rules Committee. Roy Yaple will send the council an update after attending the Annual Meeting to inform members of the results of the proposed rule changes. A review of the Michigan statute revealed that the language includes provisions for rule changes enacted after the statute.

- VIII. Presentation of the ICJ Compliance Committee Sanctioning Guidelines draft by Roy Yaple.
- Sanctioning guidelines includes a matrix of proposed sanctions for states found to be in serious or consistent violation of the compact.
 - Sanctions include provisions for monetary fines.
 - Sanctions are designed to address very serious violations of the compact and would only be enforced after other solutions had been used and were not successful.
 - Guidelines and Matrix are the result of over 15 months of work by the Compliance Committee.
 - The draft will now move to the ICJ Executive Committee for review and finalization.
- IX. Presentation of ICJ Fact Sheet by Roy Yaple.
- The ICJ Fact Sheet is a one page document describing the Interstate Commission for Juveniles, the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, and the National ICJ Office.
- X. Presentation of Michigan ICJ Data Snapshot by Roy Yaple.
- The Data Snapshot is a one page document with Michigan ICJ statistics from calendar year 2017.
- XI. Presentation of 2017 ICJ Training Summary by Roy Yaple.
- Training has occurred and continues to be scheduled for ICJ processes.
 - Most training is for new workers or existing workers new to ICJ.
 - Training is accomplished via phone and computer, or in person, on a live ICJ case. Training is provided by the Michigan ICJ Designee.
 - Larger trainings have also occurred, with multiple staff involved.
- XII. Old Business/New Business.
- Next meeting
 - i. The next meeting date and time will be determined, it will consist of a phone conference on a Wednesday afternoon in February or March.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.