

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

South Region Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2025

11:00 am ET

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Representative F. Dauway (SC) called the meeting to order at 11:00 am ET.

Roll Call

Jenny Adkins, National Office, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Voting Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Felicia Dauway (SC), Designee, Regional Representative
2. Jean Hall (FL), Commissioner, Alternate Region Representative
3. Chanda Leshoure (AL), Designee
4. Judy Miller (AR), Designee
5. Jefferson Regis (DC), Commissioner
6. Rusty Rodgers (GA), Commissioner
7. Amy Welch (KY), Commissioner
8. Deanna McNulty (LA), Designee
9. Robert Hendryx (OK), Designee
10. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
11. Maxine Baggett (MS), Designee
12. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner
13. Corrie Copeland (TN), Commissioner
14. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Designee
15. Lynn Fielder (WV), Designee

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Rhonda Turner (FL)
2. Ty Ligon (FL)
3. Tracy Cassell (GA)
4. Yolanda Latimer (LA)
5. Ashley Hodges (KY)
6. Benjamin Turner (KY)
7. Melina Hampton (KY)
8. Abbye Tyler (MD)
9. Latoya Oliver (MD)
10. Mason Harrington (SC)
11. Bridget Webb (SC)
12. Jessica Stefenack (VA)

South Region Voting Members Not in Attendance:

1. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner
2. Angela Bridgewater (LA), Commissioner
3. Robert Anderson (MS), Commissioner

4. Jeffrey Cartmell (OK), Commissioner
5. Stephanie Bond (WV), Commissioner
6. Louis (Lou) Serrano (TX), Commissioner

Guest in Attendance :

1. Debra Holcomb (AR)

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
2. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policies Specialist
4. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

Agenda

C. Leshoure (AL) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. D. McNulty (LA) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes

S. Horton (NC) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 6, 2024, as amended. J. Miller (AR) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Check-ins

Representative F. Dauway (SC) opened the floor for members to check-in by sharing any unusual weather in their state.

- J. Miller (AR) shared that D. Holcomb from Arkansas is retiring.

Reports

Executive Committee

- Chair F. Dauway (SC) shared that the Executive Committee last met on January 23, 2025, and discussed the preparations for the strategic planning meeting in April.
- Chair F. Dauway (SC) shared that the Executive Committee also discussed potential impact of the new changes in Medicaid for incarcerated youth. She mentioned that South Carolina will start billing correctional youth facilities for Medicaid for health services provided to detained youth in 2026.

Rules Committee

- J. Hawkins (MO) shared that the Rules Committee last met on January 15, 2025, and made a proposal to amend Rule 5-103A. This proposal was in response to a request for a rule interpretation that was referred from the Executive Committee.
- J. Hawkins (MO) stated that the Rules Committee recommended adoption of a proposed amendment to Rule 8-101: Travel Permits.
- J. Hawkins (MO) reminded members about the upcoming period for commenting on proposed amendments to ICJ Rules, which will be from February 24th to March 26th. During this time period, states should review the proposed amendments and provide feedback.
- C. Copeland (TN) asked if it was major changes or language cleanup that was proposed to the rule on travel permits.
- J. Hawkins (MO) answered it was language suggestions. She shared that the Rules Committee discussed juvenile sex offender travel permits and the expectations for juveniles to abide by the

laws in the receiving state. She shared it was recommended to the Rules Committee to refer the language clean-up to the Technology Committee to include on the travel permit form.

Information Technology Committee

- J. Miller (AR) shared that the Information Technology Committee's Business Analysis/Enhancement Subcommittee is reviewing impacts of proposed rule amendments to UNITY.
- J. Johnson, National Office, shared that the Information Technology Committee has two subcommittees. He shared that the Tableau/UNITY Subcommittee is working on a Tableau transfer of supervision dashboard in collaboration with the Compliance Committee.

Finance Committee

- S. Jones (MD) shared that the Finance Committee met on January 16, 2025. They discussed the fiscal audits for 2024 and 2025, an introduction of ICJ accounts, and members' education about direct deposit options for reimbursements.
- S. Jones (MD) also stated that the Finance Committee discussed the reimbursement process, suggesting that going through Bill.com could be quicker and more seamless.
- S. Jones (MD) mentioned that the National Office will present an overview of the process of site selection for annual business meetings (ABM) at a future meeting.

Training Committee

- J. Hall (FL) shared that the Training Committee met on January 16, 2025. They reviewed the 2024 ABM survey results, discussed 2025 ABM draft agendas, and discussed a potential Wednesday Workshop on ICJ and Medicaid justice-involved youth.
- J. Hall (FL) shared that the Training Committee also discussed the Commission's participation in the Bakken Human Trafficking Summit in North Dakota.

RDEI Committee

- D. Liedecke (TX) shared that the RDEI Committee discussed UNITY data on human trafficking and return cases. The data showed that a lot of UNITY users are not entering a response in the data field related to human trafficking within the cases. Therefore, the committee discussed potentially making the field mandatory to complete.
- D. Liedecke (TX) shared that the RDEI Committee also formed subcommittees focused on forming a movie club and Tribal Nations.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) shared a reminder about the changes in Medicaid services and asked members to look into how it might affect their states and agencies.

Hot Topics from ICJ Updates

- Rule Commenting Period
 - Chair F. Dauway (SC) shared that the Rule Commenting period is February 24, 2025 – March 26, 2025. She shared this is also the best time for state council meetings, so they can respond to proposals.
- Human Trafficking Prevention Month

- o Update [Human Trafficking Matrix - South Region](#)
- o How does Human Trafficking screening happen in your state?
 - Chair F. Dauway (SC) shared that in South Carolina they use a screening tool.
 - S. Jones (MD) shared that Maryland’s approach to handling human trafficking cases, includes assessments and tools used.
- o UNITY Spotlight on using the Human Trafficking data section in UNITY
 - Chair F. Dauway (SC) encouraged members to fill in the human trafficking field as they enter cases into UNITY.
- *ICJ Wednesday Workshop*
 - o “Rules Commenting Period and Process” on February 26, 2025, at 1:00pm ET

Next Steps

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) shared a reminder that January 31, 2025, is the last day to submit state council reports.

Adjourn

Representative Dauway (SC) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:32 am ET.