

Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (MSCIJS)

Wednesday March 18, 2015 1:30 p.m.
Grand Tower Building, Room 1A
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
Dale Murray, Commissioner, State of Michigan, Michigan Interstate Compact for
Juveniles (ICJ), DHS

MSCIJS Members not in Attendance:

Carla Blinkhorn, West Central Region YWCA

Ad Hoc MSCIJS Members in Attendance:

Roy Yaple
Matt Doolittle

- I. Welcome, introduction and meeting agenda presentation by Dale Murray.
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2013 council meeting.
 - Motion was made and seconded with approval.
- III. Overview of MSCIJS Mission Statement and Vision.
- IV. Open Meetings Act (OMA)
 - Review of DHS Legal response to whether MSCIJS falls under the act.
 - i. DHS Legal believes that MSCIJS falls under the OMA.
 - ii. Cheri Arwood agrees that the Governor's office also believes that MSCIJS falls under the OMA.
 - iii. The council agreed that MSCIJS falls under OMA.
 - iv. The council indicated that it plans to meet once per year to comply with its implementing Executive Order. The meeting will normally take place in the spring; the council may meet a second time later in the year. If this meeting is required, members may make use of teleconferencing versus actual physical meeting attendance.
- V. Presentation of Michigan ICJ statistics for 6 March 2015 by Roy Yaple
 - Questions at the end of the presentation included:
 - i. Is there an underlying cause explaining more ICJ cases and travel permits coming into the state than going out of the state?

- ii. Are there juveniles leaving Michigan for travel to or residence in other states who are not covered by ICJ referrals or travel permits?
- iii. Are they merely a snapshot of current conditions and not an indicator of a problem?

Follow on discussion led to a hypothesis that there may be a lack of awareness or understanding of ICJ processes in some courts.

The Council recommended that the ICJ office consider outreach to the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO) that would include:

Coordination with SCAO to conduct a survey (using SurveyMonkey) to assess ICJ awareness and use among courts.

ICJ training initiatives including distribution of the new ICJ Judicial Tool Kit, ICJ training presentations and possible development of an ICJ Bench Card.

A motion to implement the outreach recommendation was made and seconded with approval.

- VI. Introduction of ICJ Financials and Statistics Report
 - General information from 2014 ICJ Financial Report was discussed.
- VII. 2014 Annual Meeting Update
 - Dale Murray discussed briefly his attendance at the 2014 ICJ Annual Meeting.
 - Dale Murray informed the council that rules changes will now occur on alternating years at the Annual Meeting.
- VIII. ICJ Performance Standards Presentation by Roy Yaple
 - Roy Yaple provided an overview of the 4 February 2015 report for the calendar year 2014. The report is a new standards-focused initiative for ICJ. The report evaluated six standards in three levels of compliance; perfect compliance, less than 20% non-compliant, and more than 20% non-compliant.
 - i. Michigan was found to be perfectly compliant or less than 20% non-compliant in all categories evaluated.
 - ii. The council agreed that report results show Michigan ICJ is doing well.
- IX. National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Access Presentation by Roy Yaple

- The presentation led to questions regarding who had access to NCIC information that would support the ICJ office in the return of runaways, escapees, and absconders. ICJ rules require warrants be coded into NCIC.
- A motion recommending the ICJ office pursue NCIC access for at least one staff member was made and seconded with approval. Cheri Arwood agreed to assist as necessary.

X. Old Business/New Business

- Vacant Legislative Appointee Member
 - i. Cheri Arwood noted that she has inquired about the open member position (Legislative Branch) and is waiting for a response.
- Membership Renewal
 - i. Dale Murray's appointment as ICJ Compact Commissioner and Cheri Arwood's appointment as council member will be automatically renewed before both expire in 2016.
- Committees
 - i. A question was raised about Michigan ICJ committee participation.
 - ii. The Council decided that Michigan ICJ should pursue representation on the ICJ Rules and/or Compliance Committees.
- Rule/policy changes
 - i. A question was raised about the level of input the council desired in development of Michigan ICJ rule and policy changes.
 - ii. The Council agreed that as long as rule and policy changes continue to go through the DHS policy development process, that they only need to be made aware of policy changes once published by DHS.
- Commission Designee
 - i. A motion was made and seconded with approval to make Roy Yapple the ICJ Designee for Michigan.

XI. Next meeting

The next meeting date and time will be determined. Proposed dates for the next meeting were discussed; possible dates include July, before the August 2015 Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.