

Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision (MSCIJS)

Wednesday August 17, 2016 1:30 p.m.
Grand Tower Building, Room 4A
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
Carla Blinkhorn, YWCA, West Central Michigan Region

MSCIJS Members not in Attendance:

Dale Murray, Commissioner, State of Michigan, Michigan Interstate Compact for
Juveniles (ICJ), DHHS; unable to attend

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 February 10, 2016 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. OAG Audit update by Roy Yaple.
 - The council was updated on the ongoing audit of the Michigan ICJ office by the Office of Auditor General (OAG).
 - Preliminary audit survey began in August 2015 and is currently ongoing but appears to be reaching its end.
 - Preliminary exceptions have been identified but reportable findings have yet to be identified.
 - Questions at the end of the presentation included:

- i. Is there a current sense of any areas of concern regarding the preliminary exceptions that have been identified?

Follow-up discussion revealed that current audit exceptions seem fair. Current exceptions focus on caseworker visits and the completion of background checks during home studies. Future improvements to DHHS ICJ policy can be made after any applicable findings are reported.

- V. Compliance Committee update by Roy Yaple.
 - Michigan has been represented on two teleconferences since the last annual meeting.
 - A general overview of these conferences was discussed by Roy Yaple that included no major changes or updates.
 - Follow-up discussion will be held in future meetings as more Compliance Committee meetings are held.

- VI. An update on the 2016 ICJ Annual Business Meeting was provided by Roy Yaple.
 - The meeting will be held in Boston, MA on August 22 - 25, 2016, with Roy Yaple attending in Dale Murray's absence.
 - Roy will provide an update to the council after his attendance.

- VII. An update on future Michigan ICJ training presentations was provided by Roy Yaple.
 - Upcoming training is scheduled for September and October 2016.
 - Additional training sessions are being scheduled frequently.
 - Michigan ICJ has placed a focus on the training of new employees and employees not familiar with the ICJ process.
 - Employees include MDHHS workers and court probation staff.
 - Hands-on system training is being provided where users are able to train on their actual live ICJ case.

- VIII. An update on the ICJ 2016 Compliance Action Review was provided by Roy Yaple.
 - Originally, ICJ was going to do a compliance audit focused on the timeliness and efficiency of current ICJ operations.
 - The Compliance Committee instead decided to focus on an audit of currently inactive JIDS users.

- The primary focus was to purge inactive users from the system that no longer needed access.
- Inactive users were purged.

IX. Presentation of ICJ Data Highlights by Roy Yaple.

- An overview of current Michigan ICJ statistics was presented.
- The previous trend of substantially more incoming Michigan ICJ cases versus outgoing cases still holds true, though the gap is closing.
- More Michigan courts are using ICJ to send youth out of state.
- Increased training appears to have helped courts to become more familiar with ICJ procedures.

X. Presentation of the Human Trafficking Response Grid by Roy Yaple.

- In February 2016, National ICJ requested Midwest region states to review their human trafficking laws within the 12 domains developed by the Polaris Project.
- The Polaris Project had done a review of all states in 2014 to evaluate the human trafficking laws and computed scores.
- New human trafficking laws in Michigan have resulted in a new score of 10/12.
- Michigan ICJ will evaluate current laws and make recommendations to improve human trafficking laws in the future.

XI. Presentation of ICJ Survey of Court Personnel by Roy Yaple.

- Survey to gauge awareness of ICJ procedures was administered to courts in the spring of 2016, as decided by the council in previous meetings.
- Results show that participation rates could be higher.
- Training of ICJ procedures was requested through the survey and has already begun to take place.
- Michigan ICJ will focus on first providing training to courts who have requested it.
- Information on National ICJ trainings will be provided to courts as well.
- Questions at the end of the presentation included:
 - i. Do Michigan ICJ cases tend to follow borders with other states?
 - ii. Is there a chart available showing the location of ICJ cases?
 - iii. Does the annual report provide information on the number of cases per county within a state, or the number of cases for each state?

Follow-up discussion revealed that borders, population, and main roadways are all a factor in ICJ cases. While the annual report does not break cases down by state or county, Michigan ICJ may be able to generate a report based off of case data. The council concluded that a report should be generated and gaps in cases should be investigated. Counties that have zero ICJ cases should also be looked at to ensure awareness and compliance of the process. A report for Michigan ICJ statistics broken down by county will be created and reviewed by the council in later meetings.

- XII. Presentation of ICJ 2017 Performance Measurement Standards by Roy Yapple.
 - 2017 ICJ performance measures will be evaluated based upon data from 2016.
 - The primary focus of the standards is based upon timeliness.

- XIII. Old Business/New Business.
 - Next meeting
 - i. The next meeting date and time will be determined.
 - ii. It will consist of a teleconference on a Wednesday afternoon, likely in February.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.