

Indiana Interstate Compact State Council
March 8, 2023
Minutes

The Indiana Interstate Compact State Council met on March 8, 2023, at 2:00-3:00 p.m. at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Justin Forkner presided over the meeting.

1. **Members present.** The following members attended the meeting:
 - Justin Forkner, chief administrative officer of Office of Judicial Administration and chairperson
 - Mary Kay Hudson, executive director of Indiana Office of Court Services and Compact Administrator
 - Joel Gruber, proxy for commissioner of Indiana Department of Correction
 - Don Travis, proxy for director of Department of Child Services
 - Bernice Corley, executive director of Indiana Public Defender Council
 - Laura Berry, executive director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
 - Devon McDonald, executive director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
 - Judge Kelsey Hanlon, president of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

2. **Members absent.** The following members did not attend the meeting:
 - Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
 - Steve Luce, executive director of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
 - Sen. Jack Sandlin, Indiana General Assembly

3. **Staff present.** Jenny Bauer, April Dubree, Nita Wright (video), April Simmons, and Nataly Sevilla provided staff assistance to the Council.

4. **September 23, 2022, meeting minutes.** Mary Kay Hudson moved to approve the September 23, 2022, meeting minutes and Devon McDonald seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Adult and Juvenile Compact Updates.**
 - **Adult Compact.** April Simmons reported the following on the Adult Compact:
 - Indiana counties remain in compliance with ICAOS rules.
 - Office of Court Services compact staff is removing "junk and duplicate offenders" in the ICOTS system.
 - IOCS staff working on training the field on quality of information entered in the system.
 - Dashboard training was discussed at the recent Deputy Compact Administrators meeting to help DCA's better understand/navigate the

various reports that can be generated to assist states with compliance. The most recent Data Integrity Audit National Report provided a comparative perspective and indicated many states, including Indiana, need to improve accuracy of ICOTS data. Training on data integrity is underway.

- Iowa raised the question of who pays ICAOS fines issued for non-compliance with Compact rule. The Council will discuss this item at the next meeting.
 - **Juvenile Compact.** Nita Wright reported the following on the Juvenile Compact:
 - Indiana counties remain in compliance with ICJ rules.
 - A few counties with turnover and new officers are struggling with learning the ICJ rules; IOCS staff is working one-on-one with these counties.
 - New rule proposal 4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision from the Race/Equity Committee. Because there was not a quorum to vote, DE Commissioner Mike Casey will submit the proposal to the Rules Committee. The rule is intended to level the field for minorities.
6. **Training.** April Simmons reported that the Compact Office conduct two trainings recently on the adult compact: training in Elkhart County in December 2022 was attended by 57 stakeholders, including 52 defense attorneys, 3 judges, and 2 probation officers; training in Hancock County in January was attended by 11 defense attorneys. Nita Wright reported that all new UNITY users are required to take 34 LMS courses covering the core of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and application of the rules and operations in UNITY. The training has aided in decreased errors and increased rules compliance.
7. **Other business.** Nita Wright introduced the ICJ's collaborative report on "Advancing Race Equity." The members will review for discussion at the next meeting. Mary Kay Hudson reported the ICAOS executive committee is starting a conversation on how to help people be successful through compact transfers. This discussion will include a conversation about language used in the rules (possibly discontinuing use of the term "offender"). The committee will work on framing the conversation and reviewing the fiscal impact of any proposal.
8. **Next Meeting Date.** The Interstate Compact State Council is scheduled to meet June 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bauer
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