

Indiana Interstate Compact State Council

February 22, 2024

Minutes

The Indiana Interstate Compact State Council met on February 22, 2024, at 10:00-11:00 a.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
 - Bernice Corley, executive director of Indiana Public Defender Council
 - Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
 - Laura Berry, executive director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (video)
 - Devon McDonald, executive director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

2. **Members absent.** The following members did not attend the meeting:
 - Steve Luce, executive director of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
 - Judge Kelsey Hanlon, president of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
 - Don Travis, designee for director of Department of Child Services

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

4. **September 22, 2023, meeting minutes.** Mary Kay Hudson moved to approve the March 8, 2023, meeting minutes and Devon McDonald seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Adult and Juvenile Compact Updates.**
 - a. **Adult Compact.** April Simmons reported the following on the Adult Compact:
 - Indiana counties are maintaining good compliance with ICAOS rules, with compliance rates above 80%.
 - The IOCS Compact Office is working with counties on retaking issues involving new arrests.
 - b. **Juvenile Compact.** Nita Wright reported the following on the Juvenile Compact:

- Indiana counties are maintaining compliance with ICJ rules, with compliance rates above 80%.
- IOCS Compact staff are working with counties that struggle to submit reports on time.
- IOCS Compact staff is also reaching out to counties to coordinate training when issues arise.

6. **Training.**

a. Adult. April Simmons reported that the Adult Commission approved the amendment to Rule 5.108(f) which is effective March 1. This rule amendment changes custody after a finding of a violation in the receiving state to a “may” provision. ICOS will schedule training for counties. Mary Kay Hudson reported that the Executive Committee approved the recommendation to change the term “offender” in the rules. The Commission will vote on this proposed rule change at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.

b. Juvenile. Nita Wright reported that the Juvenile Commission approved amendments to twelve rules effective April 1. IOCS will schedule training for counties. April Simmons reported that the National Office will present a training session on “Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families” on May 1. Ms. Simmons is scheduled as one of the presenters.

7. **Annual Business Meetings.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that the 2025 ICAOS Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for September 9-11 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Nita Wright reported that the Interstate Commission for Juveniles annual business meeting is scheduled for September 23-25 in Mobile, Alabama. Ms. Hudson reminded members they are welcome to attend the annual business meetings.

8. **Other business.** Justin Forkner reported that the legislative seat on the State Council is vacant and must be appointed by the chair of the Legislative Council. The members discussed potential recommendations and asked Mr. Forkner to contact Rep. Huston about the appointment and work of the State Council. Nita Wright reported that IOCS is conducting interviews to hire a new compact specialist. This new position will help with training and increased transfer activity.

9. **Next Meeting Date.** The Interstate Compact State Council is scheduled to meet next on May 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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