

Indiana Interstate Compact State Council

May 23, 2024

Minutes

The Indiana Interstate Compact State Council met on May 23, 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
 - Chris Biehn, deputy director of Indiana Office of Court Services
 - 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
 - Jade Palin, proxy for 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
 - Laura Berry, executive director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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

4. **February 22, 2024, meeting minutes.** The meeting minutes from February 22, 2024, were approved on motion and second by Bernice Corley and Joel Gruber. The motion carried unanimously.

5. New Appointments.

- a. Justin Forkner reported that the Legislative Services Agency appointed Rep. Stephen Bartels as the legislative representative.
- b. The Council discussed appointing Chris Biehn as Indiana's compact administrator/commissioner for the adult and juvenile interstate compacts. Bernice Corley made a motion to appoint Mr. Biehn as administrator/commissioner and Jade Palin seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Forkner asked staff to inform the national compact offices about Mr. Biehn's appointment.

6. Adult and Juvenile Compact Updates.

- a. Adult Compact. April Simmons reported the following on the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision:
 - Indiana meets/exceeds National audit expectations. Some counties struggle with retaking their probationers after new arrests in the receiving state. IOCS suggested language for probation officers to use when filing violation to alert the judge to the need for a compact warrant. Future state-wide training will focus on retaking.
 - The 2024 Rule Proposal language change from "Offender" to "Supervised Individual" is open for comments until July 1, 2024.
 - The "Spirit of the Compact": Recognizing Extraordinary Contributions Award has been revitalized. This award recognizes individuals whose actions have led with exemplary leadership and their efforts have led to enhanced collaboration through innovative problem solving. Nominations are encouraged.
- b. Juvenile Compact. Nita Wright reported the following on the Interstate Commission for Juveniles:
 - Indiana exceeds National audit expectations and provides support to any struggling counties. IOCS will provide future state-wide training on UNITY processes and case files.
 - Current Rules are effective as of April 1, 2024. These include updates to the Bench Book, Best Practices, White Papers, Forms, and Trainings.
 - UNITY Date Assessment Results were released March 28, 2024, and are available for review.

- 7. Training.** Nita Wright reported the following on juvenile training:
- i. APPA's 49th Annual Training Institute is June 30, 2024, in Indianapolis. Nataly Sevilla will co-present "ICJ in Action: Conducting Home Evaluations."
 - ii. The Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (RDEI) presented a workshop/training session on Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families on May 1, 2024.
 - iii. The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) will present an online informational workshop on May 29, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. ORR's mission is to promote health, well-being, stability of refugees, unaccompanied children and other eligible individuals and families, through culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and strength-based services.
- 8. Annual Business Meetings.** April Simmons reported that the 2024 ICAOS annual business meeting is September 9-11, 2024, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Nita Wright reported that the ICJ annual business meeting is scheduled for September 23-25 in Mobile, Alabama.
- 9. Other business.** Nita Wright introduced Laura Hausladen as the new compact specialist. Laura Hausladen previously worked for IOCS for ten years as the Juvenile Deputy Compact Administrator, she is also a former Marion County probation officer. Ms. Hausladen previously served as an SRS Implementation Specialist and Business Analyst for Court Technology.
- 10. Next Meeting Date.** The Interstate Compact State Council is scheduled to meet next on August 22, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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