

Indiana Interstate Compact State Council

March 14, 2025

Minutes

The Indiana Interstate Compact State Council met on March 14, 2025, at 1:00-1:30 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
- 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 (video)
- Chris Naylor, executive director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- Doug Huntsinger, executive director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Waylon James, designee for director of Department of Child Services (video)
- Judge Kelsey Hanlon, president of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (video)
- Rep. Steve Bartels, Indiana General Assembly (video)

2. Members absent. The following members did not attend the meeting:

- Steve Luce, executive director of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- Laura Berry, executive director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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

4. August 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes. The meeting minutes from August 22, 2024, were approved by consent of the Council members.

5. Adult and Juvenile Compact Updates.

a. Adult Compact. April Simmons reported the following on the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision:

- Indiana remains above the national average regarding compliance with 90% or higher in all categories.

- The internal audit showed several counties with cases that should have been transferred through the Compact. Staff is working with these counties.
- Trainings
 - February statewide training for 199 probation officers. The training topics included violation reports, probable cause hearings, and retaking.
 - February training for 70 public defenders. The topics were Compact Overview, probable cause hearings, submission of violation reports and finalizing retaking procedures.
 - March training at the new probation officer orientation. The interactive training showed the new officers how to create a case in the ICOTS system and supervise from the beginning of probation until the completion of the case.
 - April 15th training scheduled for the Office of Court Service's Justice Services Conference.

b. Juvenile Compact. Nita Wright reported the following on the Interstate Commission for Juveniles:

- Indiana remains in compliance with ICJ standards and continues to proactively maintain high standards for the state.
- Compact staff continues to offer internal state trainings on request to address areas of concern.
- 2025 is a rule making year for ICJ. She reviewed the proposals for members"
 - Human trafficking; ICJ rules committee does not support
 - Rules 4-102 and 4-103; cleanup and clarify travel permit requirements
 - Rule 4-104; notice when receiving state cannot enforce conditions
 - Rule 5-103, changes "failed supervision" to "mandatory relocation"
 - Rule 6-102; clarifies that receiving state follows sending state orders
 - Rule 8-102; clarifies that the form is required for travel permits

- Final Posting of proposed rules & amendments is July 28, 2025. State Council will need to schedule a meeting to vote before the August 25th Annual Business Meeting.
- Trainings
 - State-wide probation officer training held 2/12/25 with 96 participants in attendance. The topic was “Homeward Bound” and designed to educate the field on formal rules and IN state procedures & operating standards. A walk through was presented for handling returns, starting with initial law enforcement contact through the return of youth.
 - Public Defender’s training held 2/26/25 at the request of council member Bernice Corley. 70 participants were in attendance. This training provided a core overview, key terminology used to identify ICJ cases and expectations as Indiana stakeholders.
 - Justice Services Conference training is scheduled for 4/15/25. An overview of the new rules proposals will be discussed.
- Updates
 - State page audits on national website was conducted. Corrections and updated photos are being submitted for compact staff.
 - A new Fact Sheet for ICJ Returns & Non-Delinquent Runaways has been published.

6. Next Meeting Date. The Interstate Compact State Council will schedule the next meeting for late July or early August.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bauer

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