

Interstate Compact State Council

December 19, 2019

Minutes

The Indiana Interstate Compact State Council met at the Office of Judicial Administration in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 19, 2019. Justin Forkner presided over the meeting and Jenny Bauer acted as secretary.

1. **Members present.** The following members of the State Council were present: Mary Kay Hudson, Executive Director of the Indiana Office of Court Services and Compact Administrator; Judge Dana Kenworthy, President of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Bernice Corley, Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council; Chris Naylor, Executive Director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council; Devon McDonald, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Joel Gruber, proxy for the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction; Laura Berry, Executive Director of the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Sen. Jack Sandlin, Indiana General Assembly; and Justin Forkner, Chief Administrative Officer of the Office of Judicial Administration and chairperson of the State Council.
2. **Staff present.** Jenny Bauer, Turran Blazier, Nita Wright, April Simmons, and Angie Hensley provided staff assistance to the Council.
3. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes from the September 2019 meeting were approved.
4. **ICAOS Warrant Audit.** Mary Kay Hudson reported on Indiana's results from the 2019 warrant audit. She distributed the report and a letter from the national office. She reviewed the results of the audit and stated that Indiana was in good company with thirty other states struggling with compliance. Turran Blazier explained that issues arise when a person is picked up on a warrant—the issuing entity does not always want to pick up the offender named in the warrant and some entities “downgrade” warrants to avoid retaking. The members discussed continued training efforts in this area and educating counties to the existence of the offender transportation fund that can offset retaking expenses. The next

audit by the national office is scheduled for 2021. The members also discussed OJA making a request for NCIC access to effectively oversee warrant activity related to the interstate compact. Ms. Hudson will reach out to the State Police and report back at the next meeting.

5. **ICAOS Rules Update.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that two proposals did not pass from the package of amendments voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. Rule 3.103(a) was withdrawn by the West Region and Rule 5.103-1(a) was defeated. Rule 5.103-1(a) would have established a 15-day timeframe for issuing absconder warrants. Ms. Hudson also reported that she was appointed to the Rules Committee as the new chair. As chair, she appointed Turran Blazier as an ex officio member of the committee. The Rules Committee met on December 18 and plans to monitor implementation of the amendments in 2020.
6. **ICJ Performance Measures Update.** Mary Kay Hudson distributed Indiana results from the performance measures audit and reported that Indiana performed well and does not require a corrective action plan. Indiana scored at least 70% percent in all areas of the audit and scored 100% in several areas.
7. **UNITY Update.** Nita Wright reported that UNITY is the new system to replace JIDS, which is mostly inoperable. Optimum is the new vendor and plans to launch UNITY by Fall of 2020. Ms. Wright is part of the business analysis team team that is working on development and update of forms. The project is on schedule and the next phase will be training for end users.
8. **Training Update.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that IOCS will continue to work with probation departments and recently trained Marion, Henry, Hamilton, Hendricks, and Grant Counties. IOCS also plans to continue training opportunities for IPAC and IPDC. IOCS staff will train probation officers on the new rule amendments in 2020.
9. **New Business.** Mary Kay Hudson distributed a copy of a proposed legislative amendment to IC 11-13-4.5-8 on the county offender transportation fund. She explained that the statute currently restricts payment from the fund to probation departments. This has caused an issue because community corrections agencies are now required to transfer offenders through the compact. The amendments

offer flexibility to counties. The members consented to Sen. Sandlin filing the bill, with Devon McDonald abstaining from the consent.

10. **Other business.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that IOCS recently experienced an issue with Arizona regarding transfer of a Marion County offender with a direct commitment to community corrections. The transfer took almost 5 months to complete and the offender will transition to probation in April 2020. Ms. Hudson stated she felt an obligation to inform the members of the issue because the Arizona commissioner brought the issue to the attention of the national office.
11. **2020 Meeting Dates.** The Interstate Compact State Council will meet quarterly in 2020 on the following dates: March 27, June 26, September 25, and December TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

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