



SHARED HORIZONS

Idaho Interstate Compact for Juveniles State Council

April 15, 2026
9:00 am – 12:00 pm MST

Ada County Juvenile Services
6300 W. Denton St., Boise 83704
Microsoft Teams Meeting
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Attendees:

Shawn Hill, Chair, Director, Bingham County Probation Services	☒	Carissa Decker, Compact Administrator, Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children	☒	Mark Bell, Assistant Director, Nez Perce Justice Services	☒
Anne Connor, Compact Administrator, Interstate Compact for Juveniles, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒	Dahlia Stender, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Washington County	☒	Rep. Marco Erickson, Idaho State Representative	☒
Ashley Dowell, Director, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒	Darin Burrell, Director Fremont County Probation	☒	Scott Peterson, Deputy Prosecutor, Jefferson County	☒
Brandy Simmons, Juvenile Probation Officer, Twin Falls County	☒	Honorable Cathleen Macgregor Irby, Magistrate Judge, Ada County	☐	Shane Boyle, Administrator, 3B Juvenile Detention Center	☒
Bryan Alexander, Director, Kootenai County Juvenile Probation	☒	Jennifer Zielinski, Strategic Advisor, Polaris	☒		☐

Ex Officio Attendees:

IDJC Support Staff:

Leahann Romero, COPS Administrator, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒	Jen Baer, Council Recorder, Interstate Coordinator, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒	Danielle Chandler, Project Manager II, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☐
Paul Shepherd, Court Programs & Services Administrator, Juvenile Justice, Idaho Supreme Court	☒	Chad Jacobs, Planning and Compliance Program Specialist, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒	Emma Saulnier, Intern, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒
	☐	Sam Graefe, Planning and Compliance Program Specialist, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒	Marissa Evans, Planning and Compliance Program Manager, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections	☒

Purpose	Subject	Owner
Call to Order	Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. MST	Shawn Hill, Chair
Roll Call	Chair Hill asked Mr. Jacobs to call roll	Chad Jacobs
Activity	Mr. Jacobs led a Get to Know You/Warm Up activity using Mentimeter	Chad Jacobs



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Action Item	After asking if there was any discussion Chair Hill stated he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes for the December 2026 Shared Horizons meeting as presented to the Council. Director Dowell made the motion and Ms. Connor Seconded, the motion passed unanimously.	Shawn Hill, Chair
Action Item	Chair Hill notified the members that the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) needs to be formally designated as the principal office for posting all Shared Horizons (Interstate Compact for Juveniles Council) meeting notices, agendas, and related material. Ms. Connor made the motion to designate IDJC the principal office and Mr. Alexander seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.	Shawn Hill, Chair
Discussion	Ms. Romero spoke about the compliance memo presented to Director Dowell. The memo has been made a part of the meeting file and was provided for each member as a part of the Meeting Book, as well as displayed for meeting attendees. Ms. Romero informed the Council that there will be an audit scheduled this year by the Interstate Commission National Office. The memo is for internal use as a proactive approach to Idaho compliance with the ICJ rules. The items listed on the compliance memo from 2025 that are not listed at benchmark have already had changes made and things are looking very promising for 2026. Those changes have been outlined in the memo. Ms. Romero spoke about some of the improvement strategies implemented to bring Idaho into full compliance and exceed the benchmark numbers, including presentations by Ms. Connor and Ms. Romero to various groups, and they report they have been received well. Chair Hill offered some feedback saying he is excited and impressed with the transparency and he likes that it is keeping all the stakeholders informed. Director Dowell said she wanted to thank the whole ICJ team for all the work that has been put in. Ms. Connor stated that audits from the national office were completed annually prior to a new data system, UNITY, going live in 2020. They needed time to develop ways to measure these items inside the new system. Marco Erickson arrived at the meeting 9:27a.m. MST. Break	Leahann Romero
Discussion	Ms. Connor gave a Compliance Update • Stakeholders have been compliant with the new updated timelines and haven't asked many questions • Ms. Connor compiles a compliance report for Ms. Romero weekly • Last 4 quarters, 3 quarters of 2025 and 1 quarter of 2026, show Idaho is in full compliance with all requirements Ms. Connor reviewed the ICJ rule changes for 2026. • The "ICJ Rules Changes, What You Need to Know" slide has been made a part of this file	Anne Connor



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	• Ms. Connor explained each rule change that became effective as of April 1, 2026 • Ms. Connor clarified the information presented based on questions from members • The revised forms and the new form has been made a part of this file	
Discussion	Ms. Graefe Summarized the Shared Horizons Alignment Survey Results. • The Alignment Survey Results have been made a part of this file • This survey was to assess the members' confidence regarding ICJ • The Council will focus on training for the results with the lower confidence levels in the survey	Sam Graefe
Discussion	Ms. Romero spoke on Building Effective Subcommittees: Structure, Purpose, and Impact. Ms. Chandler wasn't in attendance at this meeting. • The slides have been made a part of this file. • All members were asked to write down how many committees they were currently on and share the results • The Council will start with two subcommittees, rules and training • Next year the Council will re-visit and determine if there should be more subcommittees added • A Jotform will be sent to all members to cover joining the subcommittees • IDJC Support staff will be supporting all subcommittees • Brian Alexander wants to lead the training subcommittee • No one has been chosen for the rules subcommittee Chair Hill thanked Ms. Romero for presenting this report so well.	Leahann Romero/Danielle Chandler
Adjournment	Closing/Meeting Adjourned Chair Hill called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Connor made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Boyle seconded. The motion was unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:59p.m., MST.	Shawn Hill, Chair