



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Compliance Committee Meeting MINUTES

August 28, 2018 · 2:00 pm ET
Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Allen Godfrey Chair, MN
2. Amy Vorachek ND
3. Cathy Gordon MT
4. Mike McAlister NH
5. Hope Cooper KS
6. Jim Hudspeth UT

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Jacey Rader NE

Guests:

1. Tina Balandran TX

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director
3. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator
4. Kevin Terry, Website Analyst
5. Mindy Spring, Administrative and Training Coordinator
6. Xavier Donnelly, ICOTS Project Manager

Call to Order

Commissioner A. Godfrey (MN) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

Executive Director A. Lippert called the roll. Six out of seven voting members were present; a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) moved to approve agenda. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) moved to approve minutes from July 18, 2018 as drafted. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

Quarterly Compliance Review: The national office provides quarterly reviews of compliance rates using the ICAOS Dashboards. These reviews are provided only to states that have compliance indicators that fall below standards. The states with compliance dashboard standards that fall below 80% for two consecutive quarters are referred to the Compliance Committee and given 30 days to respond.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that six states failed to improve on one or more standard for two consecutive quarters. These states were Illinois, Maine, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Wisconsin. She stated that the national office received a respond from Wisconsin outlining a corrective action plan. She added that the original table with noncompliance states included New Hampshire, however, Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) provided documentation that put them above 80% required compliance level for the second quarter.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) stated that Utah received a letter stating that they were below 80% compliance requirements for the first quarter. With the national office assistance, Utah brought their compliance numbers above the required threshold.

Commissioner A. Godfrey (MN) stated that the committee needed to consider the matter and make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to whether they should find the above states in violation, recommend a corrective action plan, and assess a penalty.

The committee reviewed compliance numbers for Illinois. Thirty three out of 110 cases needed improvement. The national office received no response from this state.

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) moved to find Illinois in violation with Reply to request for Response to Offender Violation Report. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Motion passed.

The committee reviewed compliance standard numbers for Maine. Twelve out of 40 cases were out of compliance.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to find Maine in violation with the standards for Reply to Request for Reporting Instructions. Commissioner C. Gordon (MT) seconded. Motion approved.

The committee reviewed compliance standard numbers for New Mexico. Forty eight out of 280 were out of compliance.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to find New Mexico in violation with the standards for Transfer Request Reply. Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) seconded. Motion approved.

The committee reviewed compliance standard numbers for Puerto Rico. Seven out of 18 cases were out of compliance.

Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) moved to find Puerto Rico in violation with the standards for Reply to Request for Reporting Instructions. Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) seconded. Motion approved.

The committee reviewed compliance standard numbers for the U.S. Virgin Islands. Four out of four cases were out of compliance.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to find the U.S. Virgin Islands in violation with the standards for Reply to Request for Reporting Instructions. Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) seconded. Motion approved.

The committee reviewed compliance standard numbers for Wisconsin. Twenty one out of 88 cases were out of compliance.

Commissioner C. Gordon (MT) moved to find Wisconsin in violation with the standards for Response to Offender Violation Report. Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) seconded. Motion approved.

ICOTS Administrator X. Donnelly presented the current compliance numbers for the above states in their noncompliance categories:

- Illinois - 73%
- Maine – 90%
- New Mexico – 87%
- Puerto Rico – 81%
- The U.S. Virgin Islands – no cases to account for are reported
- Wisconsin – 85%

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to send a letter to Maine, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Wisconsin stating that they were found in noncompliance and noting their current performance reflects their improvement to passing. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Motion approved.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to require a correction action plan within 30 days from Illinois and the U.S. Virgin Islands to improve compliance. Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) moved to impose a fine for Illinois and the U.S. Virgin Islands if failed to improve by the end of 3rd quarter. Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

At the last meeting, the committee reviewed a complaint from Minnesota against California for terminating supervision on an offender subject to mandatory retaking. The committee made recommendation to the Executive Committee to find California in default. The Executive Committee has not met since the last Compliance Committee meeting to consider this recommendation.

New Business

The committee will meet face-to-face on October 3, 2018 in Orlando, FL. The committee will review a template for Filing a Formal Complaint put together by the national office.

Commissioner A. Godfrey (MN) will contact the national office to set up a committee meeting in November or December 2018.

Adjourn

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to adjourn. Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm ET.