



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Compliance Committee Meeting MINUTES

October 3, 2018 · 11:00 am ET

Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort, Orlando, Florida

Members in Attendance:

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

Members Not in Attendance:

None

Guests:

1. Merideth McGrath CO
2. James Berry DC
3. Elizabeth Powell DC
4. David Birch ID
5. LaShonda Lee-Campbell MD
6. Sylvia Larson ND
7. Suzanne Brooks OH
8. Tina Balandran TX
9. Autumn Witten WA
10. Mary Evans WI

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director

Call to Order

Commissioner A. Godfrey (MN) called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. ET.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner J. Rader (NE) moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) moved to approve the minutes from August 28, 2018 as drafted. Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

Template for Filing a Complaint

The committee reviewed a draft template to help states when filing a complaint. The template outlined the relevant information that should be included in a complaint. The committee made language changes to the draft and emphasized that it should be used as a guide only.

Commissioner J. Rader (NE) moved to approve the template. Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) seconded. Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) offered a friendly amendment to change the template order. Amendment was accepted and template approved.

Addressing Ongoing Violations

Chair A. Godfrey (MN) opened a philosophical discussion regarding ongoing violations and how the compliance committee should address states who habitually violate the compact.

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) stressed considering whether violations are public safety issues or policy issues. He referenced the sanctioning grid and the inclusion of these two considerations. The committee agreed that language should be added to the sanctioning guidelines that address ongoing patterns and their effect on public safety or policy.

Old Business

Quarterly Compliance Review - Corrective Action

The committee evaluated the process for conducting quarterly compliance reviews. Given that three months is not sufficient time to gather adequate data for many smaller states, the committee agreed to lengthen it to an annual review. The committee decided to conduct reviews on the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending on June 30. Additionally, quarterly email updates will go to Commissioners reflecting their compliance via the dashboards.

Virgin Islands and Illinois

The committee discussed the current status of compliance for Illinois and the Virgin Islands. Both states were found in noncompliance with standards in the second quarter review. The committee addressed both states separately.

The Virgin Islands responded to the compliance action informing the committee of their staffing shortages and ongoing challenges that resulted from the 2017 hurricane. The Virgin Islands Commissioner, R. Mullgrav, asked for additional time to ensure proper staffing and conduct training. The committee agreed and expressed sympathy for the hardships Virgin Islands is facing in the aftermath of the hurricane.

Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) moved to give the Virgin Islands until the fourth quarter, June 2019, to take steps as needed to ensure compliance. Commissioner C. Gordon (MT) seconded. Motion approved.

The committee discussed Illinois' response to the compliance action as well as their ongoing pattern of noncompliance.

Commissioner J. Rader (NE) moved to revisit Illinois compliance standards in February 2019 following up on the steps Illinois put in place, and to take corrective action at that time if the state has not improved. Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) seconded. Motion approved.

Minnesota Complaint Update

Executive Director A. Lippert gave an update on the MN v CA complaint. The Executive Committee accepted all three recommendations from the compliance committee regarding the Minnesota complaint and California's Commissioner, A. Pennella, was notified of the action. Commissioner A. Pennella emphasized the compact office's challenges with its stakeholders expressing doubt in the state's ability to implement the corrective action.

New Business

Reviewing the Methodology and Data Collection for FY 2020 on Warrants

The committee discussed the upcoming FY2020 audit and a potential plan for gathering data and evaluating states. Chair A. Godfrey (MN) emphasized the complexity of the audit given how varied states are in issuing warrants. The committee agreed with the plan as put forth and sharing it with states before the end of this year to help them prepare. The committee will also provide feedback on the different questions that will be asked of states.

Adjourn

Commissioner C. Gordon (MT) moved to adjourn. Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am ET.