



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

East Region Meeting Minutes August 22, 2018 · 10:00 am ET Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

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| 1. Dale Crook | Chair, Vermont |
| 2. Gary Roberge | Connecticut |
| 3. Jim Elder | Delaware |
| 4. Mike McAlister | New Hampshire |
| 5. Samuel Plumeri | New Jersey |
| 6. Robert Maccarone | New York |

Members not in Attendance:

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| 1. Paul Treseler | Massachusetts |
| 2. Bill Goodwin | Maine |
| 3. Patricia Coyne-Fague | Rhode Island |
| 4. Raquel Colon | Puerto Rico |
| 5. Rick Mullgrav | U.S. Virgin Islands |
| 6. Linda Rosenberg | Pennsylvania |

Guests:

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| 1. Natalie Latulippe | Connecticut |
| 2. Fred Watton | Connecticut |
| 3. Tami Ford | Connecticut |
| 4. Terra Taylor | Delaware |
| 5. Jeff Stone | Massachusetts |
| 6. Jeff Scott | Massachusetts |
| 7. Richard Ryan | Massachusetts |
| 8. Jeanne Steward | New Hampshire |
| 9. Candice Alfonso | New Jersey |
| 10. Robin Stacy | New Jersey |
| 11. Matt Charton | New York |
| 12. Margaret Thompson | Pennsylvania |
| 13. Donna Pratt | Vermont |

Call to Order

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am ET. Six commissioners were present, a quorum was not established.

Discussion

IVINS Victim Notification System – Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) stated that the Commission needs to resolve the IVINS' system issues, as well as reduce the number of notifications it provides. He noted that most states were not equipped to provide victim notifications on their own.

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) noted that the Commission should consider making victim notification a priority as many cases have victims and implementation of victim notification should be more deliberate.

Commissioner M. McAlister (NH) stated that he likes the idea of unified victim notification system, however, he thinks it would be impossible to implement a unified victim notification system that was utilized by all states.

Executive Director A. Lippert reminded the region that the Commission bought a subscription to IVINS and did not own the system itself. The product is confusing to users, because there are so many notifications. She added that IVINS did not have a reliable testing environment thus making testing difficult.

Executive Director A. Lippert noted that the national office surveyed the states on their method of victim notifications. The full survey results will be published in the ABM Docket book. The Executive Committee allocated two hours for the full commission to discuss IVINS at the Annual Business Meeting in Orlando, FL. She followed up that the intent of the conversation is not to eliminate victim notification, but rather evaluate whether IVINS is this the best way to provide victim notification.

The notion of “unsupervised” supervision and how it impacts states that do not have this status: Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) discussed unsupervised lifetime supervision and how it impacted states that did not have this status. He included that New York was one of the states that did not have the lifetime supervision provision and expressed his concerns regarding New York’s authority to monitor these offenders.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that recently the Rules Committee gathered information on this issue by surveying the states. The committee will continue the lifetime supervision discussion at its face-to-face meeting in October.

The responsibility of sending states in issuing warrants and retaking when a case is closed in ICOTS - Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) brought of the responsibility of sending states in issuing warrants and retaking when a case is closed in ICOTS. He gave an example of tracking the issuance of a warrant in the sending state for an absconder and assuring retaking occurs. He noted that New York utilizes a warrant tracking system put together by New Jersey a number of years ago. He advocated for a unified and simplified tool for tracking warrants and developing functionality in ICOTS.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the Executive Committee announced the FY 2020 audit on warrants two years in advance to give states an opportunity to prepare for it and place necessary policies and procedures in place.

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) noted that many states do not have appropriate tools for warrant tracking. Before carrying out an official audit, he suggested the Executive Committee survey states, identify the needs, provide technical assistance, and offer a system or tool to bring states to the compliance level.

Discussion about requesting the Commission to develop or open the existing ICOTS training site for states to use when training field staff— DCA M. Charton (NY) inquired if New York can use the ICOTS training site when training its field staff.

Executive Director A. Lippert noted that it was a testing site and some data might not be accurate, however, New York can use it as a training tool.

2018 Annual Business Meeting: The Training Committee and the DCA Liaison Committee worked on curriculum for the DCA Training Institute. The training topics include painting a supervision picture, when retaking is required ‘upon the request of the receiving state’, obtaining and tracking warrants panel, pending charges & revocable behavior, probable cause hearings, subpoenas for receiving state officers to testify in the sending state at a violation hearing, as well as teambuilding activities.

Old Business

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) stated that West Region Chair S. Arruti asked all region chairs whether they had any issues with interpreting Rule 3.101-1 in particular the definition of deployed and stationed. Only one West Region state had an issue with this rule and they wanted to know if other states around the country encountered issues with the rule.

DCA C. Alfonso (NJ) stated that she contacted a local military base to consult with it on the matter. They explained that these words had different meanings. She encouraged the Commission to proceed with an official rule amendment.

Commissioner R. Maccarone (NY) stated that New York had additional changes to the draft sex-offender rule proposals discussed at the last Rules Committee meeting and requested a copy of the original proposal. The national office will send the draft to Commissioner R. Maccarone.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 am ET.