



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

West Region Meeting MINUTES

October 2, 2018

Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort, Orlando, FL

Members in Attendance:

1. Shawn Arruti Chair, Nevada
2. Jeremiah Stromberg Vice-chair, Oregon
3. Anthony Pennella California
4. Denton Darrington Idaho
5. Cathy Gordon Montana
6. James Hudspeth Utah
7. Mac Pevey Washington
8. Carrie Belden Alaska
9. Dori Littler Arizona
10. Merideth McGrath Colorado
11. Dwight Sakai Hawaii
12. Roberta Cohen New Mexico
13. Coltan Harrington Wyoming

Guests:

1. Anthony Oliveri Arizona
2. Anne Connor ICJ
3. Judy Mesick Idaho
4. David Birch Idaho
5. Chris Smalling California
6. Devon Whitefield Colorado
7. Andrew Zavaras Colorado
8. Michael Knott Hawaii
9. Brook Mamizuka Hawaii
10. Sheri Sliva Nevada
11. Christopher Clifton Nevada
12. Deon McDaniel Nevada
13. Victoria Vigil New Mexico
14. Mark Patterson Oregon
15. Nickole Lavery Utah
16. Jennifer Calvo Utah
17. Autumn Witten Washington
18. Tanja Gilmore Washington
19. Pat Odell Wyoming

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator

Call to Order

Commissioner S. Arruti (NV) called the meeting to order at 8:45 am ET, all members were present; a quorum was established.

Agenda

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) seconded. Agenda approved.

Minutes

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) moved to approve the minutes from July 24, 2018 as presented. Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

Best practice, emerging trend, and training opportunities: Commissioner S. Arruti (NV) is changing its direction from the law enforcement to the rehabilitation widely applying intermediate sanctions to eligible offenders with established day reporting centers in Las Vegas and Reno as the last effort for offenders to correct their issues. The state provides staff trainings on EPIC system. Nevada trains its officers how to communicate with offenders by utilizing the University of Cincinnati guidelines.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) thanked the Region for DCA Lisa Svoboda's condolences. She introduced Anthony Oliveri, a new DCA, to the Region. She stated that AZ Probation requested the University of Cincinnati to evaluate its risk assessment tools. She added that recently the Compact Office provided training for its jail staff.

Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) stated that drug possession in small quantity is no longer a felony offense in Oregon. They are gathering data on how the new law effects the interstate compact offenders.

Commissioner J. Stromberg and his staff provided interstate compact training to judges in its largest county - Multnomah County.

Commissioner A. Pennella (CA) stated that California implemented "flash" incarcerations. He asked for suggestions on providing judicial trainings.

Commissioner D. Darrington (ID) noted that the Criminal Justice Commission and ID Department of Corrections worked on finding the common grounds on the JRI reforms.

Commissioner C. Belden (AK) stated that DCA K. Luth retired a few months ago. Two years ago, AK passed a JRI bill. The DOC had difficulties with its implementation.

Commissioner R. Cohen (NM) stated that in the last two year they have been working on changing their computer system to OMNI. She noted problems with finding transitional housing for offenders in New Mexico. She anticipates new leadership as a result of upcoming elections.

Commissioner D. Sakai (HI) stated that the Department of Corrections continues investing in the evidence based practices. They certified all officers in motivational coaching. Since it is expensive to bring people to train from outside of Hawaii, the Department focuses on training the senior staff to develop in-house subject matter people. Hawaii plans to research its ROI by examining its recidivism rates.

Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) stated that Washington continued with its implementation of Swift and Certain reforms that they recently applied to Interstate Compact offenders. The Department utilizes a new case management model developed by the Washington University. It requires transition from a static tool to a dynamic tool. Washington only supervises high risk offenders with a few exceptions. The Compact Office evaluates how this change effects compact offenders.

Commissioner M. McGrath (CO) stated that Colorado is implementing a new case management system.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) noted that his state's main focus was the offenders' reentry. The DOC also offers supervisor coaching trainings. The Department hired 75% new officers in the last 3-4 years due to high turnover rates.

Commissioner C. Harrington (WY) stated that the Council of State Governments assisted the Department of Corrections with researching solutions to Wyoming's prison crisis. The study recommends to invest in substance abuse and mental health treatment for offenders and retool probation and parole programs. The plan was presented to lawmakers.

DCA West Region Meeting Update: DCA J. Mesick (ID) stated that the West Region DCAs met twice in the past year to discuss rule proposals, PC hearing scripts, as well as the DCA Training Institute recommendations and topics.

Old Business

Amendment to Rule 3.101 (submitted by Commissioner M. McGrath (CO)): Commissioner S. Arruti (NV) asked all region chairs whether states around the country encountered issues with interpreting Rule 3.101-1 in particular the definition of deployed and stationed. No states have reported any issues with the interpretation of this part of rule. An East Region state suggested proceeding with a rule change because *deployed* and *stationed* have different meanings.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) suggested creating a new definition of ***deployed*** instead of making changes to Rule 3.101-1.

Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) suggested using language ***under orders*** instead of ***deployed*** or ***stationed***.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to amend Rule 3.101-1 to replace deployed with under orders and to ensure other rules maintain consistency with the new language. Commissioner C. Gordon (MT) seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

***Region Chair Election:* Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) nominated Commissioner Roberta Cohen from New Mexico for the West Region Chair. Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) seconded. Motion passed.**

There were no other nominations.

The West Region voted to elect Commissioner Roberta Cohen as the new West Region Chair.

***Nomination of Officers:* Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) nominated J. Stromberg (OR) for the Commission Chairman. Commissioner J. Hudspeth (UT) seconded. Motion passed.**

The region had no nominations or recommendations for Vice Chair and Treasurer.

Adjourn

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to adjourn. Commissioner C. Gordon (MT) seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am ET.