



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Compliance Committee Meeting MINUTES

**November 18, 2019 · 11:00 am ET
Teleconference**

Members in Attendance:

1. Allen Godfrey (MN), Chair
2. Merideth McGrath (CO)
3. Hope Cooper (KS)
4. Amy Vorachek (ND)
5. Jacey Rader (NE)
6. Diann Skiles (WV)
7. Suzanne Brooks (OH), Ex-officio
8. Tina Balandran (TX), Ex-officio

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Cathy Gordon (MT)
2. Dale Crook (VT)

Guests:

1. Brandon Watts (TX)

Staff:

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

Call to Order

Chair A. Godfrey (MN) called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. ET. He welcomed Commissioner Diann Skiles (WV) to the committee.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner J. Rader (NE) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) seconded. Agenda approved as presented.

Commissioner J. Rader (NE) moved to approve the minutes from October 9, 2019 as drafted. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Discussion

Quarterly Compliance Review: Chair A. Godfrey (MN) reminded the committee that there were states referred to the Compliance Committee for failing to reach the 80% passing threshold on compliance standards. New Mexico, Utah and the U.S. Virgin Islands remained in noncompliance after being given an additional quarter.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that she met with the commissioner of the U.S. Virgin Islands and her representative at the Annual Business Meeting in San Diego, CA. She outlined to the commissioner, the pending non-compliance matters with the VI. They discussed developing a correction action plan (CAP) to address these issues by December 1, 2019.

Executive Director A. Lippert noted that the VI's case load was so small that it would take them considerable time to move their dashboard compliance numbers above the 80%.

Training Coordinator M. Spring noted that New Mexico and Utah might have training issues that affect their compliance rates.

The committee decide to require a CAP from these states per the ICAOS Compliance Audit Policy 5-2009.

Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) moved to require New Mexico and Utah to complete a Corrective Action Plan within 30 days addressing their non-compliance. Commissioner M. McGrath (CO) seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner R. Cohen (NM) abstained.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

FY21 Audit Workgroup: Chair A. Godfrey (MN) reminded the committee that based on the results of the FY20 audit, the Executive Committee instructed the Compliance and Rules Committees to collaborate on the FY21 audit planning. Specifically, to develop follow up questions for the FY21 audit based on the FY20 results that further emphasize state's responsibilities around warrant issuance and tracking in an ongoing effort to ensure compliance. The audit would also provide relevant information to assist the Rules Committee as they draft rules related to the warrant process for future consideration.

Chair A. Godfrey (MN) thanked the Compliance Committee members who volunteered to work with the Rules Committee on a framework for follow up questions.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the workgroup would meet a couple of times to draft a recommendation to the Executive Committee and present it at the March face-to-face Executive

Committee meeting. The national office would announce the audit in May 2020 and start the audit in July 2020.

The committee reviewed the workgroup charter and draft questions prepared by the national office.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the national office would begin mailing the individual FY20 compliance audit results this week with all states to receive their results by next spring.

Dispute: Executive Director A. Lippert stated that a case came to her attention where a state rejected the transfer of an offender subject to home detention requirements citing compact ineligibility. She noted that the Advisory Opinion 3-2015 addressed offenders subject to home detention as compact eligible.

She added that this case was a mandatory case and the offender had family support and employment in the receiving state. The transfer process had started in July 2019. The receiving state had until December 8, 2019 to complete their investigation. If the receiving state did not comply by this deadline, the Executive Committee would refer this case to the Compliance committee for review.

States Recognition: Chair A. Godfrey (MN) suggested the committee consider ways the Commission could recognize states with an excellent compliance audit score.

Commissioner J. Rader (NE) stated that Nebraska recognized their ICJ State Council members with a lapel pin.

Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) suggested recognizing states at the annual business meeting.

Chair A. Godfrey (MN) will discuss this matter with the Executive Committee.

DCA T. Balandran (TX) informed the committee that Brody Burks was no longer with the Commission. Texas was working on the process of appointing a new commissioner.

The committee will meet again in the upcoming months.

Adjourn

Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) moved to adjourn. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. ET.