



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Emergency Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES

March 13, 2020 • 12:00 pm ET
Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Jeremiah Stromberg (OR), Chair
2. Chris Moore (GA), Information Technology Chair
3. Russell Marlan (MI), Midwest Region Chair
4. Julie Kempker (MO), South Region Chair
5. Roberta Cohen (NM), West Region Chair
6. Dale Crook (VT), East Region Chair
7. Joselyn Lopez (WI), Training, Education and Public Relations Committee Chair
8. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), DCA Liaison Committee Chair, Ex-Officio

Members not in Attendance:

1. Hope Cooper (KS), Vice-chair
2. Gary Roberge (CT), Treasurer
3. Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Rules Committee Chair
4. Allen Godfrey (MN), Compliance Committee Chair
5. Bette Inch (NOVA), Ex-Officio

Guests:

1. Amber Schubert (AR)
2. Jerry Bradshaw (AR)
3. Wendy Kelley (AR)
4. Jennifer Adkins (ICJ)
5. MaryLee Underwood (ICJ)

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

Call to Order

Chair J. Stromberg (OR) called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm ET; seven voting members were present, a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner R. Cohen (NM) seconded. Agenda approved as presented.

Discussion

Chair J. Stromberg (OR) called an emergency Executive Committee meeting to address the concerns related to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency and continuing Compact obligations and responsibilities.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to suspend the 10-day meeting notice to conduct an emergency meeting. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded. Motion approved.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the national office drafted a policy to provide states with guidance during this time. With so many states declaring a state of emergency and limiting out-of-state travels and transfers, many asked for the Commission's response in regard to limitations on transfer requests and returns. She added that while the policy addressed this issue to some degree, it was important for states to work cooperatively and communicate with each other.

Legal Counsel R. Masters stated that in the past, the Compact had made concessions in the reality of emergency situations and the Commission had discretion in how to react to one. He noted that the proposed policy was still in confines of the Compact Statute. He added that it was important to team with the judiciary on how to handle transfer cases.

Legal Counsel T. Travis agreed with R. Masters and added that in Kentucky, the Chief Justice issued an emergency order to suspend all non-essential court activities through Easter. He suspected a similar action would be replicated in other states.

Executive Director A. Lippert presented a draft emergency guidelines policy outlining the Commission's response to states of emergency or other potentially hazardous conditions resulting in significant disruption to a state's ability to fulfill Compact objectives and duties.

Per this policy, Compact Offices need to communicate their limitations on interstate compact business to the national office. The national office will ensure this information is posted to the Commission's website and announced to members.

Commissioner A. Schubert (AR) stated that Arkansas canceled all extraditions that are not mandatory. Currently, Arkansas does not want to send their officers to highly infected areas in other states to retake Compact offenders.

To accommodate Arkansas' situation, the committee made the following changes to the Section V (E):

- E. Member states not affected by the emergency or all states when there is a federal declaration of emergency shall suspend interstate transfers or returns into or out of the affected specified areas for a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days.

The committee discussed the possibility of extending the time frame in the event that the quarantine lasts multiple months.

Legal Counsel R. Masters advised against the practice of extending the policy and advised changing the rule instead.

Legal Counsel T. Travis concurred.

Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) moved to approve the ICAOS Administrative Policy Emergency Guidelines 01-2020 as amended. Commissioner J. Lopez (WI) seconded. Motion passed.

The committee agreed on the importance for states to be flexible and working with each other when they deal with meeting compliance timeframes.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) noted that the Compliance Committee always takes into consideration a state's emergency situation before making their decision. Further, the Committee discussed that they did not want to see an influx of complaints given the crisis situation.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the national office would post the approved policy along with the chair's statement to the Commission on the website today.

Legal Counsel T. Travis put together answers to questions from the national office as it relates to the current public health emergency. The national office will email the document to the committee.

Old Business

The committee cancelled its face-to-face Executive Committee meeting due to states travel restrictions and health concerns. Instead, the committee will have a video conference at 11 am ET on March 24. The committee will discuss the current emergency situation, FY21 audit recommendations, ABM 2020 agenda, and personnel matters.

Executive Director A. Lippert noted that Rules Committee chair M. Hudson canceled the face-to-face Rules Committee meeting for the same reasons. The committee will meet via a video conference on April 7, 2020.

Adjourn

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to adjourn. Commissioner J. Lopez (WI) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm ET.


Jeremiah Stromberg (Mar 26, 2020)

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