



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

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# MIDWEST REGION REPORT

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**To: Commissioners of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision**

**From: Russell Marlan, Midwest Region Chair and Commissioner, State of Michigan**

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The Midwest Region commissioners and Deputy Compact Administrators (DCAs) met four times counting the last annual business meeting (ABM) held virtually in September 2020. The region had a quorum at each of these meetings.

### **Midwest Region Mission**

Serve as a liaison between the Commission and states within a defined geographic area. Provide assistance, share best practices, recommend rule changes, and report to the Executive Committee.

### **Midwest Region Goals**

1. Develop a list of known best practices, emerging trends, and training opportunities.
2. Engage discussions on aligning compact practices with principles of reentry and justice reinvestment.

### **Agenda items and topics of discussion at the meetings included**

- Warrant Timelines
- Proposed ICOTS Enhancements for 2021 Annual Business Meeting
- COVID-19 state updates
- Rule proposals for submission to the 2021 Annual Business Meeting
- Changes to the proposal to amend Rule 1.101 Definition of Resident

The Midwest Region continues to be supportive of the direction the Commission has taken regarding the supervision of interstate compact offenders. This includes the promotion of graduated interventions, the use of evidence-based practices and risk assessments to support behavioral change and effective supervision, improved documentation requirements, ICOTS enhancements, and the handling of violations with a new standard more focused on effective public

safety. All this work supports a single standard of supervision, improves offender accountability, and promotes increased effectiveness of transfers between states, again, in the interest of public safety.

Respectfully submitted,

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