



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

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### SOUTH REGION REPORT

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

**From: Julie Kempker, Chair, South Region and Commissioner, State of Missouri**

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The South Region had two new commissioners appointed since the last annual business meeting - Bobby Lee (LA) and Nathan Blevins (MS) as well as two new DCAs - Brittany Holley (TN) and Jordan McKinley (WV).

The South Region continues to be well represented within all committees in the Commission.

#### **South 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.

#### **South 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.

#### **South Region Meetings**

The South Region commissioners and deputy compact administrators (DCAs) met three times counting the last Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

At its **September 10, 2020**, meeting, the region discussed whether the Commission should consider a consistent timeframe for issuing a compact compliant warrant in the interest of training stakeholders and public safety as the current rules had varying warrant timeframes from ‘upon receipt’ to ‘30 days’ and some rules requiring a warrant did not have a timeframe at all. Furthermore, the region reviewed proposed ICOTS enhancements for full Commission vote at the 2020 ABM, discussed the 2021 rule amendment process and deadline, and provided update on current COVID-19 situation in their states. At the conclusion, Executive Director Lippert provided the national office update to the region.

At its **January 11, 2021**, meeting, the region reviewed an amendment to add a remote sentencing process to Rule 3.107 Reporting instructions; offender living in the receiving state at the time of sentencing or after disposition of a violation or revocation proceeding. After a discussion, the region voted to move the proposal forward for the Commission’s consideration at the 2021 Annual

Business Meeting. The members provided state updates and Executive Director Lippert provided the national office update. Lastly, the region discussed the Rules Committee recommendation to expand the timeframe for issuing compact compliant warrants to a standard 15-business day, when an offender fails to arrive/return as instructed or is subject to retaking. Concerns were discussed on states' ability to meet proposed warrant timeframes and the challenges states face, particularly on the probation side.

The region met again on **March 1, 2021**. The region discussed the Rules Committee's recommendation to reconsider submitting their proposal to amend Rule 3.103 and consequently voted to withdraw the proposal. Guests Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Rules Committee chair and Dori Littler (AZ), Rules Committee Vice-chair, attended the South Region meeting to address any questions and concerns regarding the warrant timeframe rule proposal package.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all South Region commissioners and DCAs who continue to work together to uphold the purposes of the Compact.

Respectfully submitted,

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