



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

West Region Meeting MINUTES

June 21, 2022, · 2:00 PM ET
Video Conference

Members in Attendance:

1. Mac Pevey (WA), Chair
2. Tarryn Link (AK)
3. Dori Littler (AZ)
4. Guillermo Viera Rosa (CA)
5. Brook Mamizuka (HI)
6. Cathy Gordon (MT)
7. Roberta Cohen (NM)
8. Deborah Dreyer (NV)
9. Dan Blanchard (UT)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Andrew Zavaras (CO)
2. Denton Darrington (ID)
3. Jeremiah Stromberg (OR)
4. Coltan Harrington (WY)

Guests:

1. Lorna Colver (AK)
2. Collin Hocker (CO)
3. Stacey Luke (HI)
4. Michael Knott (HI)
5. Devon Whitefield (CO)
6. Judy Mesick (ID)
7. John Gillis (NOVA)
8. Victoria Vigil (NM)
9. Karen Collins (NV)
10. Patricia Odell (WY)

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director
3. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator
4. Mindy Spring, Training and Administrative Coordinator
5. Xavier Donnelly, ICOTS Project Manager
6. Drake Greeott, Web Development Manager

Call to Order

Chair M. Pevey (WA) called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm ET, nine out of thirteen members were present; a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner C. Gordon (MT) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner D. Dreyer (NV) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022, as drafted. Commissioner R. Cohen (NM) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

Chair M. Pevey (WA) welcomed new Commissioner Link (AK) to the region.

Arizona – Commissioner D. Littler noted that her office was fully staffed, and Arizona had no COVID restrictions at this time.

Alaska – DCA L. Colver stated that Alaska had no COVID restrictions at this time.

California – Commissioner G. Viera-Rosa stated that in July, they would unify the Juvenile and Adult Compact offices.

Hawaii – Commissioner B. Mamizuka stated that the State Council appointed a new DCA Stacey Luke. The compact staff continues to telework a few times a week. They were experiencing COVID outbreaks in jails.

Idaho – DCA J. Mesick stated that Idaho had no COVID related restrictions as this time. The compact office is fully staffed.

Montana – Commissioner C. Gordon stated that their COVID infection numbers went up in the last 14 days. They have multiple outbreaks in their jails and prisons.

New Mexico – Commissioner R. Cohen stated that their COVID infection numbers were rising. The compact office will have a large turn over with their PO staff. The office staff works on finalizing their training.

Nevada – Commissioner D. Dreyer stated that Nevada did not have COVID related issues at this time. The compact office was working with their judicial partners to train on the warrant timeframes.

She thanked DCA J. Mesick (ID) for assisting Nevada with a difficult transfer case.

Utah – Commissioner D. Blanchard stated that COVID numbers were going up mostly in the Salt Lake City area without affecting their operations. The compact office is understaffed. Half of field staff was tasked to help with a prison move project.

Washington – Chair M. Pevey noted staffing challenges with local jails. The department was in a hiring freeze for over two years. Washington courts still were not fully operational.

Wyoming – Commissioner C. Harrington stated that their COVID numbers had been rising significantly. The state was losing PO officers and the compact office lost one position that they had not been able to replace yet.

Victim Representative J. Gillis (NOVA) stated that he serves as a liaison between the Commission and NOVA. He asked the region members to reach out to him or the national office with questions or inquiries about NOVA.

Old/New Business

Workgroup on Tribal Best Practices Update – Commissioner D. Blanchard (UT) informed the region that the Workgroup on Tribal Best Practices met in April and reviewed best practice documents of working with independent tribes as well as the document of National Congress of American Indians that outlined tribes’ sovereign status and history. The workgroup discussed extending the invitation to join the Compact as an ex-officio member to the group. The national office was not able to establish a successful connection with this group.

He noted that the workgroup agreed that tribe related cases must be reviewed individually.

Commissioner D. Blanchard (UT) will draft an outline of the submitted best practices to share with the group.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) stated that Arizona had twenty-three federally recognized tribes that they share with two other states. Prior to COVID, they would hold regular region meetings with tribes to do business and network. She noted that these meetings were very productive.

2023 Rule Amendment Deadline: Executive Director A. Lippert informed the region that the 2023 rule amendment deadline was February 1, 2023. She advised the members to bring their proposals to the region’s attention sooner rather than later to allow adequate time for regions and DCA regions to review and debate their merits.

2022 Annual Business Meeting - Executive Director A. Lippert invited the region to attend the Annual Business Meeting scheduled for September 26-28, 2022. The meeting registration opens on July 1.

Adjourn

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to adjourn. Commissioner D. Dreyer (NV) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm ET.