



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES

10:15 am MT • Sept 9, 2024 • The Scott Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, AZ

Members in Attendance:

1. Mac Pevey (WA), Chair
2. Gary Roberge (CT), Treasurer
3. Taryn Link (AK), West Region Chair
4. Chris Moore (GA), Information Technology Chair
5. Steve Turner (KY), South Region Chair
6. Sally Kreamer (IA), Compliance Committee Chair
7. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Rules Committee Chair
8. Amy Vorachek (ND), Midwest Region Chair
9. Dale Crook (VT), East Region Chair
10. Joselyn López (WI), Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Chair
11. Suzanne Brooks (OH), DCA Liaison Chair, Ex-Officio
12. Jeremiah Stromberg (OR), Past-Chair, Ex-Officio
13. Thomas Travis, ICAOS General Counsel

Members not in attendance:

14. Vacant, Vice-Chair
15. John Gillis (NOVA), Victim Representative, Ex-Officio

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director
3. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrator Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair M. Pevey (WA) called the meeting to order at 10:15 am MT; ten voting members were present; a quorum was established.

Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner S. Turner (KY) moved to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024, meeting as presented. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

Compliance Committee Report: Commissioner S. Kreamer (IA) reported that the Compliance Committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting. She noted that the national office

completed the annual review of the compliance dashboards. Notably, the number of states falling below the 80% threshold had decreased to four, marking the lowest level since the annual reviews began. These states have been given an additional quarter to improve their numbers.

DCA Liaison Committee report: Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the DCA Liaison Committee has played a significant role in developing the curriculum for the Annual Business Meeting's sessions.

Finance Committee Report: Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) stated that the Finance Committee met in August to review the final FY2024 budget and the results of the annual compliance audit. He also noted that the committee has lost two members due to recent retirements.

There is one state remaining to pay its annual dues. The Vanguard account is over \$2M. The Commission completed its fiscal audit in August and received a clean and unmodified report. Commissioners can find the auditor's report in the FY24 Annual Report.

Technology Committee Report: Commissioner C. Moore (GA) stated that the Technology Committee has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting.

Rules Committee Report: Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) reminded the committee that the Public Hearing was scheduled for 4:30 pm MT. The Rules Committee has not received any additional comments regarding the language changes rule package.

Training Committee Report: Commissioner J. López (WI) thanked the committee members for their assistance in developing the Annual Business Meeting's sessions.

ABM Planning Workgroup Report: Chair M. Pevey (WA) thanked the DCA Liaison Committee members, the Training Committee members, all presenters, and the national office for their efforts in preparing for this Annual Business Meeting.

East Region Report: Commissioner D. Crook (VT) stated that the East Region met in July and passed a rule proposal to amend Rule 5.108 prepared by the State of Pennsylvania.

Midwest Region Report: Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) stated that the region has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting.

South Region Report: Commissioner S. Turner (KY) informed the Committee that the South Region has one commissioner vacancy in Texas.

West Region Report: Commissioner T. Link (AK) noted that the West Region has not met since the last Executive Committee meeting.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director A. Lippert welcomed the committee members to Arizona. She presented her report to the committee:

Commissioners' appointments:

- New Commissioners - Bobbie Jo Fockler (MD), Rhett Covington (LA), Deborah Romine (OK), Raquel Colon (PR) , Texas: Vacant

Annual Business Meeting:

- 146 people are registered to attend the meeting: 40 Commissioners, 7 Official Designees, 52 DCAs, 6 Ex-officio members, and 34 guests.
- She highlighted the opportunity to engage new members and suggested that the Training Committee focus on enhancing commissioner involvement.
- The national office has launched an interactive annual report for FY2024. All commission members received a link to the report and ABM attendees can also access the report in the ABM app.

Reports Migration

- The Sisense report migration to Tableau is on schedule to be completed by November 2024.

Pilot Assessment Report/Violation Matrix

- Executive Director A. Lippert reminded the committee that in 2023, it established the RNR (Risk, Need, Responsivity) Workgroup to focus on critical issues related to retaking, particularly the factors leading to an individual’s retaking and subsequent retransfer under the compact. She presented the FY2025 RNR Assessment pilot results. The assessment aimed to provide the Commission with insights into these occurrences. By analyzing potential patterns or systemic issues, the assessment is intended to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our compact procedures. Key findings include:

Original transfer: Data shows that drug-related cases constitute 42 percent of the infractions examined in the pilot. Most transfers were requested because individuals were residents of another state (57 percent) or had family support there (43 percent). Upon transfer, 50 percent of individuals were assessed as moderate risk by the receiving state, with 82 percent maintaining this risk level throughout supervision.

Violation Responses: Pilot states reported using corrective actions most frequently (45 percent), followed by graduated responses (26 percent) and incentives (8 percent). Notably, states often implemented some form of drug-related treatment, which was consistent with the original transfer infraction. Treatment was followed by increased reporting, such as in-home visits or office reporting. Supervision techniques used and the methods of reporting outcomes varied across the pilot states.

Supervision Levels: The majority of individuals (57%) fell into the moderate supervision category, with a notable decrease in those receiving low supervision compared to initial assessments.

Documentation: Non-compliance was mostly addressed through violation and progress reports, but there is a need for better documentation of corrective actions and their effectiveness prior to retaking.

Risk tool: Most states did not use a violation matrix or risk tool to guide decisions for transfers back to the sending state.

Probable Cause: In most of these instances, retaking occurred without the receiving state establishing probable cause.

Lessons learned from the assessment highlighted its value for states in reviewing operations and improving communication with justice partners. Suggested changes include improving training on transfer requirements, conducting audits for retaking practices, and modifying the ICOTS system to better document risk levels and violations.

Feedback from pilot participants led to modifications in the assessment to improve data comparability and response options for retaking cases. The full assessment will be implemented on October 1, 2024.

- Executive Director A. Lippert presented a violation matrix proposal for the committee's consideration. The proposal for a violation matrix aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of managing retakings and retransfers of individuals. Current practices result in resource inefficiencies and public safety concerns due to frequent transfers. The matrix is intended to standardize decision-making, enhance accountability, and address inconsistencies in responses to violations.

Despite previous rule changes aimed at preventing the "boomerang" effect (where individuals are repeatedly retaken and retransferred), about 40% of retakings still result in retransfers. The lack of a standardized approach has led to subjective decision-making in managing violations.

Implementing a violation matrix would establish clear, objective guidelines for assessing violations and determining responses. This would reduce ambiguity, support transparent decision-making, and enable better data collection and analysis, ultimately leading to improved outcomes for supervised individuals and member states. The RNR workgroup along with the Center for Effective Public Policy will work on this proposal.

The committee discussed the proposal, noting potential challenges in implementing rule changes and gaining consensus among all compact members. Concerns were raised about the difficulty of passing the matrix due to varying practices and opinions across states. The conversation highlighted the need for a collaborative approach to address these obstacles and ensure effective implementation.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to approve the violation matrix proposal as presented. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded. Motion passed.

- Executive Director A. Lippert reminded the committee that it is an office election year. The new chair will appoint their committee chairs. Additionally, the new committee will vote on the chair

of the DCA Liaison Committee and the Victim representative, as per the recommendation from NOVA.

Victims Advocate: Victims Advocate J. Gillis (NOVA) welcomed the Commission to Arizona. He reminded the committee about the National Victim Remembrance Day on September 21.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjourn

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to adjourn. Commissioner S. Kreamer (IA) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m. MT.

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