



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Midwest Region Meeting MINUTES

September 11, 2024 · 2:00 pm MT · Scottsdale, Arizona

Members in Attendance:

1. Amy Vorachek (ND), Chair
2. Melissa Smith (IL)
3. Sally Kreamer (IA)
4. Tracy Hudrlik (MN)
5. Jacey Rader (NE)
6. Katrina Ransom (OH)
7. Megan Milner (KS)
8. Bradley Lewandowski (SD)
9. Chris Biehn (IN)
10. Russell Marlan (MI)
11. Joselyn López (WI)

Guests:

1. Holly Kassube (IL)
2. Joel Gruber (IN)
3. April Simmons (IN)
4. Nataly Sevilla (IN)
5. Simona Hammond (IA)
6. Kelly Johnson (IA)
7. Charity Klop (IA)
8. Fareeda Washington (KS)
9. Daryn Cobb (MI)
10. Rebecca Hillestead (MN)
11. Susan Barnard (NE)
12. Sally Reinhardt-Stewart (NE)
13. Alyssa Miller (ND)
14. Kristen Golden (OH)
15. Suzanne Brooks (OH)
16. Chuck Frieberg (SD)
17. Sarah Spader (SD)
18. Brenna Kojis (WI)

Staff

1. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director

Call to Order

Chair A. Vorachek (ND) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm MT. Eleven out of eleven commissioners were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner S. Kreamer (IA) moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 16, 2024. Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) seconded. Minutes approved as presented.

Commissioner R. Marlan (MI) moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner K. Ransom (OH) seconded. Agenda approved.

Discussion

Collaboration Sessions Debrief: Chair A. Vorachek (ND) asked for feedback from the region on the collaboration sessions held at the ABM. Feedback included the following comments:

- Homework should best be completed at the end of the actual session and should be easily completed online using drop down selections in lieu of open-ended responses.
- The work sessions were generally well received as engaging; however, the region would like summaries of notes from the groups to be distributed.
- Better explanations of issues or end goals would help groups evaluate rules and scenarios.
- States would like to see stats on what tools and training are being used.

Rule Proposals: Chair A. Vorachek (ND) asked if the region had specific thoughts on Rule Proposals as the rule-making year was coming up.

Commissioner K. Ransom (OH) noted that the remote violation hearing rule may need revision to get states to use the process more. Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) suggested that it may be beneficial to update the remote sentencing portion of the benchbook as well as the rule.

Commissioner J. López (WI) stated that there were deferred sentencing issues that could be addressed in a rule proposal. Additionally, Commissioner J. López remarked that retakings centering around new convictions were an issue that should be evaluated. Commissioner J. Rader (NE) remarked that retaking should not be punitive. Following Commissioner Rader's point, DCA S. Brooks (OH) suggested that commissioners look more into discretionary retaking, deemphasizing use of mandatory retaking.

Midwest DCA Chair Update: Chair A. Vorachek (ND) requested an update on DCA discussions. DCA S. Brooks (OH) noted that there were robust and good discussions about Rule 3.103 proposals with the possibility of a forthcoming proposal from the region. The South Region has a version that has not gathered significant support from the Midwest region DCAs.

Nominations for National Officers: Chair A. Vorachek stated that this was an election year for the Commission officers and inquired if there were any nominations from the region.

Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) motioned to nominate Commissioner Joselyn López (WI) for vice chair of the Commission. Commissioner R. Marlan (MI) seconded the nomination. Motion approved.

Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) motioned to nominate Commissioner Mac Pevey (WA) for chair of the Commission. Commissioner R. Marlan (MI) seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Commissioner J. López (WI) motioned to nominate Commissioner Gary Roberge (CT) for treasurer of the Commission. Commissioner R. Marlan (MI) seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chair A. Vorachek (ND) asked if there were any notes or news from around the region.

DCA S. Reinhardt-Stewart (NE) noted that there had been a change in Nebraska related to domestic violence policy with the group now under the supervision of Corrections instead of the Parole Board.

Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) informed the region that Minnesota will now have earned discharge and earned supervision abatement.

Adjourn

Commissioner K. Ransom (OH) motioned to adjourn. Commissioner J. Rader (NE) seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm MT.