



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

South Region Meeting NOTES

May 6, 2024 @ 1 PM ET
Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Steve Turner (KY), Chair
2. Tom Langer (AL)
3. Chris Moore (GA)
4. Joe Winkler (FL)
5. John Mosley (MO)
6. Maggie Brewer (NC)
7. Jodi Gallman (SC)
8. Chris Hill (TN)
9. Jim Parks (VA)
10. Jonathan Huffman (WV)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Jamie Lee (LA)
2. Miles Morgan (AR)
3. Nathan Blevins (MS)
4. Martha Danner (MD)
5. James Rudek (OK)
6. David Gutierrez (TX)
7. Richard Tischner (D.C.)

Guests:

1. Miriam Dyson (GA)
2. Joe Kuebler (GA)
3. Tim Strickland (FL)
4. Lashonda Lee-Campbell (MD)
5. Alison Woodruff (MO)
6. Deanna Laird (MO)
7. Don Werner (KY)
8. Richie Spears (MS)
9. Deborah Romine (OK)
10. Emily Keefer (OK)
11. Christopher Harris (SC)
12. Betty Payton (NC)
13. Ashley Meadows (NC)
14. Jocelyn Angton (TX)
15. Cindy Stout (TX)

16. Julie Lohman (VA)

Staff:

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

Call to Order

Chair S. Turner (KY) called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm ET. Ten voting members were present, a quorum was not established.

Chair S. Turner (KY) welcomed new commissioners Miles Morgan (AR) and John Mosley (MO) to the region.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner J. Gallman (SC) seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) moved to approve the minutes from December 5, 2023, and February 5, 2024, meetings as presented. Commissioner J. Parks (VA) seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion

Commission's Update: Executive Director A. Lippert updated the region on the Commission's news:

- The Executive Committee is asking the region members to consider nominating their victims' advocates for the Peyton Tuthill Award. Nominations will be accepted through August 1st. The award winner will be recognized at the upcoming Annual Business Meeting.
- The FY24 DCA Dashboard Program, focusing on Violations & Retaking Management, will begin in June 2024. DCAs are encouraged to attend.
- The Executive Committee has approved the 2024 Annual Business Meeting agenda, which is now available on the Commission's website. Registration for the meeting will open on June 3. She reminded the region that the meeting will take place on September 9-11, 2024, in Scottsdale, AZ.
- Last year, the Executive Committee approved the language change replacing the term "offender" with "supervised individual". The Rules Committee met face-to-face on May 1 in Cincinnati, OH to review the rules and integrate the approved language change. The committee has prepared a rule package for the Commission's approval at the 2024 ABM. The comment

period for these amendments is open from May 15 until July 1, 2024. The final proposal will be posted on August 1.

- With assistance from the DCA Liaison Committee, the Training Committee published a training and educational resource that helps compact offices determine which reporting tool to use in ICOTS; progress report vs a violation report. Additional resources are also published on the Commission's website that provide guidance to stakeholders: Choosing the Right Tool (Understanding when to use Progress Reports vs Violation Reports); Court Officials' Guide; Electronic Signature Guide; Extradition Officials Guide; Jail Officials Guide; and Parole Officials' Guide.
- The Training Committee is working on revisions and updates to the Hearing Officer Guide that will be published this summer.
- The Executive Committee formed an RNR (risk, need, responsivity) workgroup, to identify key issues that need addressing in the retaking process. One consideration in managing this process and the affected population is identifying the circumstances that lead to an individual's retaking and subsequent retransfer under the compact. At the workgroup's recommendation, the Executive Committee approved conducting an assessment in FY25 that evaluates the circumstances surrounding an individual's retaking and retransfer under the compact. States will receive up to ten incoming cases using the Retaken and Retransferred Dashboard-Incoming Cases, to which they will respond as the receiving state. The pilot assessment will be launched in May. The full assessment will begin after the annual business meeting in September. .
- As technology continues to advance, the Commission must upgrade its ICOTS application to align with modern frameworks, security standards, and evolving technological trends. The Executive Committee approved an ICOTS rewrite project to achieve these objectives.

The Executive Committee discussed the project funding options to present to the full Commission for consideration and vote at the 2024 Annual Business Meeting. More information on this project will be available this summer.

- The Executive Committee approved eliminating the sending of printed copies of the ICOTS Annual Report to Commissioners as part of their cost-cutting measures. The national office publishes an interactive annual report on the Commission's website.

Are there any policy or practice issues around current trends or compact procedures your state has encountered since the last region meeting: Chair S. Turner (KY) asked if states encountered any policy or practice issues since the last region meeting.

The region members did not report any issues.

Are there any challenges or difficulties your state has encountered when interpreting the rules related to specific Compact cases that need clarification? Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) noted that North Carolina is dealing with a judge who refuses to be Compact compliant on an extradition

matter. She expects it to be an isolated case and has involved the NC Attorney General Office to assist with this case.

Chair S. Turner (KY) encouraged North Carolina to utilize the national office if necessary to enforce compliance measures.

Are there any potential rule amendments that we need to consider from the region? The region did not have any rule proposals for discussion at this time.

DCA South Region Chair update: DCA South Region Chair T. Strickland (FL) stated that the South Region DCAs will be meeting in May and June to discuss potential rule proposals.

He reminded the region about the revised Spirit Sighting award and encouraged members to submit nominations.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm.