## Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision



**Compliance Committee Meeting MINUTES** 

November 12, 2024 · 11:00 am ET Teleconference

#### Members in Attendance:

- 1. Sally Kreamer (IA), Chair
- 2. Joe Winkler (FL)
- 3. Melissa Smith (IL)
- 4. Amy Vorachek (ND)
- 5. Christian Stephens (PA)
- 6. Dale Crook (VT)
- 7. Sarah Spader (SD), Ex-officio
- 8. April Simmons (IN), Ex-officio

## Not in Attendance:

- 1. Jacey Rader (NE)
- 2. Matthew Charton (NY)
- 3. Matthew Poyzer (AZ), Ex-officio

#### Staff:

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

## Call to Order

Chair S. Kreamer (IA) called the meeting to order at 11:00 am ET. Director A. Lippert called the roll, six out of eight voting members were present, a quorum was established.

## Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner J. Winkler (FL) seconded. Agenda approved.

# Commissioner M. Smith (IL) moved to approve the minutes from February 14, 2024, as drafted. Commissioner C. Stephens (PA) seconded. Minutes approved.

#### **Discussion**

Review FY25 Q1 compliance dashboard results. Update on states with standards below the 80% threshold in FY24. Executive Director A. Lippert updated the committee on the results of the annual review of dashboard compliance, which took place in July. The review revealed that four

states were not meeting the 80% threshold for compliance standards. In accordance with the Audit Policy 05-2009, these states were notified of their shortfall and given an additional quarter to improve their compliance. Two of the states successfully came into compliance, while Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands did not meet the required standards. These territories were asked to submit corrective action plans (CAPs) as specified in the policy.

The committee reviewed the CAPs submitted by Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Executive Director A. Lippert highlighted that the U.S. Virgin Islands faced challenges due to the relatively low number of cases, which made it difficult to improve their compliance dashboard numbers.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) made a motion to accept the U.S. Virgin Islands' corrective action plan, with the condition that they address the training issues outlined in the plan by the end of the Commission's fiscal year. If the Virgin Islands is out of compliance for any standard by the end of fiscal year, the Compliance Committee will refer the matter to the Executive Committee with a recommendation to find the territory in default and assess a fine. Commissioner J. Winkler (FL) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the committee that Puerto Rico experienced leadership changes over the summer, which, coupled with language barriers, may have contributed to delays in communication and a dip in compliance. Raquel Colón was reappointed as the commissioner for Puerto Rico just before the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in August. Since then, Puerto Rico has made improvements in two of their compliance areas.

The committee agreed to reconvene after the second quarter to reassess Puerto Rico's progress in meeting its compliance standards.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to accept Puerto Rico's Correction Action Plan giving Puerto Rico an additional quarter to come into compliance. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Motion passed.

## **Old/New Business**

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the RNR assessment for FY25 looking at cases that are retaken and retransferred was provided to all states. Commission members have until November 15 to submit their results. The national office will compile the results and provide a report to this committee after the first of the year.

#### <u>Adjourn</u>

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 am ET.