



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Compliance Committee Meeting MINUTES

August 22, 2019 · 2: 00 pm ET
Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Allen Godfrey (MN), Chair
2. Hope Cooper (KS)
3. Amy Vorachek (ND)
4. James Berry (DC)
5. Jacey Rader (NE)
6. Tina Balandran (TX), Ex-Officio

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Merideth McGrath (CO)
2. Cathy Gordon (MT)
3. Dale Crook (VT)
4. Suzanne Brooks (OH), Ex-Officio

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director
3. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator
4. Kevin Terry, Website Analyst
5. Xavier Donnelly, ICOTS Project Manager
6. Mindy Spring, Administrative and Training Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair A. Godfrey (MN) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. ET. Executive Director A. Lippert called the roll. Five voting members were present, establishing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner J. Rader (NE) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner J. Berry (DC) moved to approve the minutes from July 18, 2019 as drafted. Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

Formal Complaint – Arizona vs. Oklahoma: The committee reviewed a complaint submitted on July 25 by the State of Arizona against the State of Oklahoma. The complaint described Oklahoma's violation of Rule 5.103-1 involving offender Darren Harmon (ICOTS #909779) and violation of Rule 5.102 involving offender James Ellison (ICOTS #642152).

The committee reviewed Oklahoma's response to this complaint. The committee found Arizona's complaint substantiated.

Chair A. Godfrey (MN) reminded the committee that in April 2019, Arizona filed a similar complaint against Oklahoma for failure to issue compact compliant warrants. Oklahoma was found in default of their obligations under the compact and was asked to submit a corrective action plan for approval. Their initial plan, submitted last month, lacked key elements that would promote long term success. Thus, Oklahoma submitted supplemental information to support their corrective action plan.

The committee reviewed both plans submitted by Oklahoma. The committee decided the plan was acceptable and had no further addition or modifications to the plan.

Commissioner J. Berry (DC) moved to recommend the Executive Committee accept Oklahoma's Corrective Action Plan without further modification or additions. Commissioner J. Rader (NE) seconded. Motion passed.

Based on the provided documents, the committee agreed that the two commissioners were lacking direct communication.

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that she advised Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) to reach out to Commissioner K. Duckworth (OK) by phone to discuss the issues.

Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) moved to recommend the Executive Committee continue to require Oklahoma completion of its Corrective Action Plan, continue to hold \$10K fine in abeyance, and have Oklahoma and Arizona participate in mediation as determined by the Executive Committee. Commissioner J. Berry (DC) seconded. Motion passed.

Old/New Business

The committee will meet again on October 9, 2019 in San Diego, CA.

Adjourn

Commissioner H. Cooper (KS) moved to adjourn. Commissioner J. Berry (DC) seconded.