



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

West Region Meeting MINUTES

September 19, 2023 · 2:50 pm ET

Hilton Norfolk – The Main, Norfolk, VA

Members in Attendance:

1. Taryn Link (AK), Chair
2. Dori Littler (AZ)
3. Davies Sasere (CA)
4. Andrew Zavaras (CO)
5. Brook Mamizuka (HI)
6. Judy Mesick (ID)
7. Deon McDaniel (NV)
8. Roberta Cohen (NM)
9. Jeremiah Stromberg (OR)
10. Dan Blanchard (UT)
11. Mac Pevey (WA)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Vacant, (MT)
2. Jeremy Vukich, (WY)

Guests:

1. Lorna Colver (AK)
2. Matthew Poyzer (AZ)
3. Tuesee Chang (CA)
4. Collin Hocker (CO)
5. Christy Bertera (FL)
6. Luke Stacey (HI)
7. Shawn Naito (HI)
8. Kathleen Hust (ID)
9. Amanda Essex (NCSL)
10. Nicole Rosales (NV)
11. Victoria Vigil (NM)
12. John Gillis (NOVA)
13. Mark Patterson (OR)
14. Jennifer Calvo (UT)
15. Tanja Gilmore (WA)
16. Patricia Odell (WY)

Staff:

1. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director

Call to Order

Chair T. Link (AK) called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm ET, eleven out of thirteen members were present; a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) moved to approve the minutes from September 19, 2023 as drafted. Commissioner A. Zavaras (CO) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

2023 Rule Proposal Amendment 5.108(f)

Chair T. Link inquired if there was any discussion or any questions related to the proposed Rule amendment. Commissioner D. Blanchard (UT) inquired as to whether the proposal had been reported out favorably by the West unanimously in the past. Director Eskridge responded affirmatively.

State Updates: Region members gave state updates that encompassed staffing and retention issues, budgetary issues, an increasing emphasis on training, a desire to reinvigorate and use state councils to leverage partners, funding for hardship housing, increasing use of in-person status updates from judges, issues related to decriminalization of substances and conflict between treating addiction as a health issue versus criminal issue, the need to improve incentives to complement sanctions, jail capacity challenges and resulting release policies, the continuing need to educate officers and judges on the need and purpose of the Compact, and challenges with issuing Compact compliant warrants.

Unsupervised Probation/Bench Supervision/Administrative Probation

Commissioner Mamizuka (HI) inquired as to whether states were seeing an increase in use of unsupervised/administrative probation or bench supervision and whether such cases were being sent through the Compact. Several states responded that if monitoring was not simply monetary in nature, the individual under supervision must be placed on the Compact and that the receiving state may indicate use of the Compact is required due to conditions of supervision. Commissioner D. McDaniel (NV) noted that misdemeanor courts were problematic from that perspective but that they were working to educate and train those officials on ICOTS and the Compact.

Old Business

None

New Business

Nomination of Officers:

Chair T. Link opened the floor to nominations for chair of the West region.

Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) nominated Commissioner T. Link (AK) to serve as chair of the West region. Commissioner T. Link (AK) indicated she would accept the nomination.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to close nominations and call for a vote.
Commissioner J. Stromberg (OR) seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner M. Pevey (WA), seconded by Commissioner D. Blanchard (UT). Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm ET.