Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision
Ad Hoc on Risk Assessment Committee Minutes
May 7, 2011
2:00 pm EDT
WebEx

Members in Attendance
1. Sara Andrews Chair, OH  
2. Patrick McGee MD  
3. Jane Siegel IN  
4. Genie Powers LA

Members not in Attendance
1. Leann Bertsch ND  
2. Keven Pellant KS

Guests
1. Roger Wilson OH  
2. Stephanie Star OH

Staff
1. Harry Hageman  
2. Sam Razor  
3. Barno Saturday  
4. Xavier Donnelly  
5. Kevin Terry

Call to Order
Chair S. Andrews (OH) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. EDT. All members were present, establishing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner P. McGee (MD) seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes
Commissioner P. McGee (MD) made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2011 as drafted. Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) seconded. Motion passed.
Discussion
The Committee reviewed and discussed the results of the Risk Assessment Survey. Forty or 75% of the 53 member states responded to the survey. Forty-three or 98% of those responding indicate that their state uses a risk assessment system/tool to manage offenders in the community and 95% of those with a risk assessment system/tool indicated that it had been validated. The type of system/tool varies with the majority of the states use the LSI or LSI-R.

Only 13 or 30% of the respondents reported that their state adopted legislation that mandates the use of a risk assessment system/tool. Seventeen or 40% of those reporting are in a bifurcated state and 5 or 31% percent of those in a bifurcated state report that probation and parole do not use the same risk assessment system/tool.

Only 10 or 24% of those answering the survey indicated their state would be willing to use a national risk assessment system/tool. However, 27 or 82% are willing to report risk assessment outcomes during the transfer process.

The results of the survey will be posted on the Commission website.

The Committee reviewed Goals of and Common Language for Risk Assessment prepared by Ohio Compact Office.

Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) asked the Committee members to write a brief summary of the risk assessment tools used in their states including an explanation of the scoring system. The summaries will be posted on the website along with the common language for risk assessment.

The Committee discussed developing an amendment to Rule 3.107 Transfer Request that will incorporate the risk assessment tools into the transfer packet. Due to procedural timeline, the Commission will vote on the proposed language at the ABM 2013. The Committee decided to present the concept at the upcoming annual business meeting.

New Business
Commissioner P. McGee will be retiring on June 30, 2011.

The Committee will meet again on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 2 pm EDT.

Adjourn
Commissioner P. McGee (MD) made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner G. Powers (LA) seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm EDT.