ICAOS
Sex Offender Ad Hoc Committee
December 11, 2006
11:00 a.m. (EST)

Members in Attendance:

1. Robert Guy
2. Warren Emmer
3. Mimi Carter
4. Kermit Humphries

Staff

1. Don Blackburn
2. Ashley Hassan
3. Mindy Spring
4. Nicole Smith
5. Kevin Terry

- W. Emmer asked where NIC and CSOM fit in partnering with the Ad Hoc Committee. He stated that there were two issues for the committee to consider, including the impact on ICAOS of different state legislation regarding sex offenders and the Adam Walsh Act. He stressed that the Committee should be able to explain how different legislation is impacting public safety.
- R. Guy stated that he was working on critical issues of North Carolina’s new legislation and studying the impact it will have on the Compact in terms of residential and movement issues. He expressed that states with weaker legislation regarding the supervision of sex offenders may see an increase in the movement of these offenders to their states.
- R. Guy identified the issues facing ICAOS, including residence restrictions, assessment, and offender movement.
- K. Humphries stated that CSOM was preparing to address sex offenders in its next white paper. He suggested using a companion approach with ICAOS. He asked how broadly the Committee would be looking at the issue.
• W. Emmer stated that the involvement of ICAOS should focus around interstate issues and suggested that the Committee contribute to CSOM’s larger project which will address all issues regarding sex offender legislation.

• R. Guy noted that the previous Ad Hoc Committee had focused on the Rules of the Commission. He stated that the current Committee should look at the bigger picture beyond ICAOS, including the impact new supervision laws will have on state resources. He stated that the resources and efforts of CSOM and NIC should be combined with ICAOS, allowing the groups to pool resources and technical advice.

• W. Emmer added that he believed the groups would benefit from a common facilitator, and the efforts of the groups be broken into focus groups.

• M. Carter agreed, and asked for clarification as to the role of the Ad Hoc Committee in producing the report. W. Emmer stated that the Committee would focus on the movement of sex offenders across state lines.

• K. Humphries noted that policy concerns and the reality of expectations and cost should be examined from a management perspective.

• R. Guy stated that he would like the Committee to look at new state legislation and examine its burden on ICAOS. He noted that a full study may show the need for additional rules or better definitions.

• K. Humphries noted that a partnership between NIC, CSOM, and ICAOS would prove to be a good forum to show states what impact their legislation is having on themselves and the rest of the country.

• D. Blackburn added that the Public Safety Committee of the Council for State Governments is a resource for getting information to state legislatures. He stressed that ICAOS needed to communicate with the states to study the impact on procedure and resources of any proposed ICAOS rules changes.

• R. Guy stated that he would like to have a meeting of the Sex Offender Ad Hoc Committee in January.

• M. Carter expressed her interest in being involved. She also voiced her approval of taking a broad view of the topic and examining the connection between groups and state and federal legislation. She also stated that she would like to take an advisory role rather than a facilitator role.

• R. Guy added that the key area to be examined by the Committee is state legislation. He suggested that the Committee focus on this area carefully. W. Emmer agreed, stating that the Committee should look at how Compact offices should manage in light of new legislation, and be used as a forum to educate.

• W. Emmer noted that ICAOS would need help in funding the Committee. There was discussion of CSOM and NIC contributing.

• R. Guy suggested an initial meeting to discuss funding options.

• W. Emmer asked that CSOM fund a facilitator for a meeting and ICAOS would pick up per diem and airfare for an initial meeting. M. Carter stated that CSOM could provide one or two facilitators for any meetings scheduled. K. Humphries asked about any members that were part of more than one group. K. Humphries stated that NIC could fund its members who are also on the Ad Hoc Committee.

• There was discussion of a teleconference out of Washington, D.C.

• There was discussion of possible dates for the initial meeting.
- M. Carter and K. Humphries promised to contact R. Guy about funding the initial meeting.