INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION
MIDWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 10, 2008
2:00 p.m. (EDT) / 1:00 p.m. (SDT)
WebEx Conference

Members in Attendance:

1. Ken Merz    MN
2. Michelle Buscher  IL
3. John Rubitschun  MI
4. James McKenzie  NE
5. William Rankin  WI
6. Jeanette Bucklew  IA
7. Keven Pellant  KS
8. Warren Emmer  ND
9. Linda Janes    OH

10. Wanda LaCour     Ex-Officio, MO

Guests

1. David Geffre
2. Kari Rumbaugh
3. David Hitchcock
4. Katrina Ransom
5. Sarah Andrews
6. Marcella Short
7. Cynthia Johnson
8. Jenny Bauer
9. Bob Champion
10. Art Hegewald

Members not in Attendance
Call to Order

Commissioner K. Merz (MN) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Nine out of eleven members were present. Quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner L. Janes (OH) made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner J. McKenzie (NE) seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner K. Pellant (KS) made a motion to approve the November 8, 2007 meeting minutes. Commissioner W. Emmer (ND) seconded. Minutes were approved.

Report from Executive Committee

Commissioner K. Merz (MN) informed the Region about the Executive Committee meeting that was held on January 8, 2008. He mentioned new website usage statistics and changes to the ICOTS developing process.

Executive Director H. Hageman informed the Region that the National Office was currently working on different funding opportunities for ICOTS implementation. He mentioned potential funding possibilities within the private sector. The Region discussed the ICOTS implementation process.

Commissioner K. Merz (MN) informed the Region about the Compliance Committee’s decision to send an official letter to all states regarding state council formation and reports on data collection.
Commissioner K. Merz (MN) informed the Region about the upcoming Ad Hoc Finance Committee meeting on January 31, 2008, where the dues formula would be discussed.

Commissioner K. Merz (MN) noted that as of the end of November 2007, ICAOS was operating at about 6.5% below its budget.

Executive Director H. Hageman informed the Region that the Training Committee along with the National Office completed the update of on-demand modules, training curriculums and Bench Book for judges.

Commissioner K. Merz (MN) informed the Region about the Commissioner W. Theriault’s letter in regards to the development of risk-based rules. The Executive Committee agreed not to proceed with this issue at this time, as it had been previously addressed by the Commission.

Commissioner W. Rankin (WI) informed the Region about the upcoming Rules and Ad Hoc on Treatment Programs in other Jurisdictions meetings and their goals.

State Updates

- **Illinois**: Commissioner M. Buscher mentioned that they were waiting for the ICOTS toolkit to begin the integration process.

- **Indiana**: J. Bauer mentioned that the IN compact offices had moved to a new office building and hired two new personnel. For an undefined period of time, IN parole office will have one person on its staff list.

- **Iowa**: Commissioner J. Bucklew informed the Region that they had sent a written policy to all chief-executives in the community corrections in regards to the new sex offender reporting instructions requirements.

- **Michigan**: Commissioner J. Rubitschun mentioned that he was encouraging his local field officers to form specialized case-thoughts for interstate cases. The meeting with their State Council was scheduled. Commissioner J. Rubitschun mentioned that they were working on the issue of how to force counties with limited budgets to retake required offenders.

- **Minnesota**: Commissioner K. Merz informed the Region about their two new staff members. A meeting with their State Council was scheduled for next week. The new chair’s election would be held at this meeting.

- **Nebraska**: Commissioner J. McKenzie informed the Region that they were in the process of introducing legislative bill #540. This bill combines probation and parole agencies in one department. An ICOTS meeting was scheduled for the next week. On January 29, they have a State Council meeting and Commissioner’s election. K. Rumbaugh mentioned that Probation offices were implementing the new Sex Offender Rule.
- **North Dakota:** Commissioner W. Emmer informed the Region that five years ago they initiated $150 transfer fee that now helps to pay their offender retaking expenses.

- **Ohio:** Commissioner L. Janes thanked S. Razor for speaking about ICOTS at the OH Chief Probation Officers’ meeting in December 2007. OH State Council had requested the Governor’s office to replace their Victims’ Representative.

- **Wisconsin:** Commissioner W. Rankin mentioned that they were in the process of working on the operation manual and institution of social workers procedures related to interstate compact. It was delayed due to the Sex Offender Rule issues and new laws that took place in WI regarding life GPS.

- **Missouri:** Ex-Officio W. LaCour informed the Region that the MO State Council was waiting to fill two positions.

**Old Business**

The Region decided to send any comments regarding the new proposal for Rule 4.109 to Commissioner K. Pellant (KS) to be discussed at the next meeting.

**New Business**

The Region discussed sex offender definition and registration issues as initiated by Commissioner K. Merz (MN).

The Region discussed the additional information availability issue of transfer packets as initiated by Commissioner M. Buscher (IL).

Commissioner K. Merz (MN) mentioned his new practice to send emails to the Region three weeks prior to a scheduled meeting requesting any issues that needed to be discussed.

Commissioner W. Rankin (WI) asked the Region to record any issues they have with Rule 3.101-3 to discuss at upcoming meetings.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner W. Rankin (WI) made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner K. Merz (MN) seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m. EDT.