Members in Attendance:
1. Catherine Gibson-Beltz, Chair, NE
2. Tracy Hudrlik, WI
3. Jane Seigel, IN
4. Charles Lauterbach, IA
5. John Rubitschun, MI
6. Sara Andrews, OH
7. Kathleen Graves, KS
8. Ed Ligtenberg, SD
9. Michelle Buscher, IL
10. Jill Carlson, MN
11. Charles Placek, ND

Guests:
1. Amy Vorachek
2. Simona Hammond
3. Holly Reuter
4. Robert Champion
5. Leslie Alexander
6. Matthew Billinger
7. Joseph Beaman
8. Rose Ann Bisch
9. Janice Young
10. Sally Reinhardt-Stewart
11. Kari Rumbaugh
12. Suzanne Brooks
13. Sarah Ball
14. Nancy Allard
15. Mary Keyes
16. Jeffrey Peterson  
17. Sally Holewa  
18. Craig Tieszen  
19. Turran Blazier  
20. Breana Beach  
21. Kathy Christenson

**Staff**  
1. Harry Hageman  
2. Barno Saturday

**Call to Order**  
Commissioner C. Gibson-Beltz (NE) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm CT. All voting members were present, quorum was established.

**Agenda**  
Commissioner E. Ligtenberg (SD) moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) seconded. Agenda was approved as written.

**Minutes**  
Commissioner J. Rubitschun (MI) moved to approve the minutes from Jun 18, 2014 as written. Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) seconded. Minutes approved as presented.

**Discussion**  
*State Budget Issues:* Nebraska shared information about its Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) informed the Region about IN legislators’ promise to find more funds for the agency.

*State Legislature Impact:* Ex-Officio C. Tieszen informed the Region about SD’s state initiative that was implemented 2 years ago and well accepted by the legislature.

*Region Chair’s Goals for the Upcoming Year:* DCA J. Young (ND) suggested discussing the state council membership and attendance issues.

Executive Director H. Hageman suggested providing a state council orientation for new members. To speed up the appointment, he suggested sending governor a letter listing a few names to choose from.

Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) shared with the Region that OH State Council meets in conjunction with other meetings that most of their State Council members must attend.

Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) suggested identifying trends in the Midwest states, organizing border states’ combined trainings, discussing opium epidemic, and reporting on a specific topic as the region.
Commissioner T. Hudrlik (WI) moved to have a new standing item on the region agenda – emerging trends in the Midwest. Each state will report on this topic. Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner C. Placek (ND) suggested including success stories in the agenda as well.

Commissioner T. Hudrlik (WI) suggested learning about each other’s best practices.

Commissioner K. Graves (KS) moved to add success and recognition stories item to the region agenda. Commissioner M. Buscher (IL) seconded. Motion passed.

DCA K. Rumbaugh (NE) suggested providing a mini training (15 min or less) at each region meeting.

The Region decided to discuss retaking: issuance of warrants at its next meeting.

Standing Committee Membership: All commission members are encouraged to participate in standing committees.

Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) informed the Region about the Rules Committee activities and goals. She emphasized the importance of the properly written justification when submitting a rule proposal.

Commissioner C. Gibson-Beltz (NE) informed the Region about the Compliance Committee activities in the past year.

Commissioner C. Lauterbach (IA) informed the Region about the Finance Committee goals and activities and Commission’s financial standing.

Minnesota and Kansas informed the Region about the Technology Committee activities in the past year.

The Region discussed the Training and DCA Liaison Committees activities in the past year.

New issues to address or program Commission should pursue: The Region discussed the data exchange program’s development and fusion centers. If any state wants to explore any of these options, they need to contact the national office.

Compliance Audit: The new compliance audit requires submission of the Correction Action Plan, if states fail to pass the standards.

VINEWatch Project: Commissioner C. Placek (ND) stated that ND state laws make it difficult to implement.

Indiana stated that its VR is looking into this issue and plans to make recommendation at its next state council meeting.
Kansas does all notification in person.

Executive Director H. Hageman stated that Appriss is working on a function to allow victims self-register.

Call for Rule Proposals: Commissioner C. Placek (ND) presented his proposal to the Region.

**ND PROPOSED RULE ADMENDMENT**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND RULES 5.101 (b), 5.102 (b), 5.103 (b), 5.103-1(a)**

When the receiving state verifies in NCIC that the sending state has failed to issue a nationwide status on a warrant, the receiving state shall notify the sending state to upgrade their warrant to comply with the requirement that warrants are to be entered into NCIC with a nationwide pickup radius.

If the sending state does not upgrade their warrant to nationwide pickup status within 10 business days following notice by the receiving state, the receiving state may refuse future RFRI or TIR from the sending state until the sending state comes into compliance with the nationwide pickup status on the warrant.

**JUSTIFICATION**

States who do not comply with the retaking rules puts citizens in the receiving state at risk. The ability to refuse requests from noncompliant states would certainly have more immediate impact on sending states than imposing a potential fine, sanction, etc. The desired effect of the rule amendment would be that receiving state are to check with NCIC and if they find a non-nationwide pickup warrant it would be their responsibility to notify the sending state that they have 10 business days to change the warrant status to nationwide. ND feels that this is a reasonable amount of time for the sending states to contact their local jurisdictions and make the nationwide warrant upgrade. The intent of the rule is to be limited to the relationship between the sending and receiving state and to promote a more immediate change.

Commissioner C. Placek (ND) moved to submit the rule proposal to the Rules Committee for review. Commissioner C. Lauterbach (IA) seconded.

Motion failed.

Commissioner J. Seigel (IN) moved to forward the ND’s rule proposal’s issue to the Rules Committee for review. Commissioner C. Placek (ND) seconded.

Motion passed.

The Region discussed the federal detainer issue. Legal Counsel R. Masters is looking into the issue.

Commissioner C. Gibson-Beltz (NE) raised the issue that the Rules do not require a Notice of Arrival be submitted by the sending state when an offender requests return to the sending state.
Commissioner C. Gibson-Beltz (NE) moved to draft a rule amendment to have a Notice of Arrival be submitted by the receiving state when an offender requests return to the sending state. Commissioner M. Buscher (IL) seconded.

Motion passed.

*Sharing Dashboard Information with Other States:* The Region had discussion on this matter.

*Training and Technical Assistance Policy:* Commissioner C. Lauterbach (IA) shared IA’s experience and success story with the Region.

The Region discussed the Spirit of the Compact document prepared by Nebraska and Kansas.

**New Business**

*Nomination of Officers:*
Commissioner C. Gibson-Beltz (NE) moved to nominate S. Andrews (OH) for the Chair position. Commissioner E. Ligtenberg (SD) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) moved to nominate C. Lauterbach (IA) for the Treasurer position. Commissioner C. Gibson-Beltz (NE) seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**
Commissioner S. Andrews (OH) moved to adjourn. Commissioner K. Graves (KS) seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm CT.