Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision
South Region Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2012
2:30 PM EST
WebEx

Members in Attendance:
Chris Norman   Chair, Alabama
Nancy Ware     District of Columbia
Jenna James    Georgia
Genie Powers   Louisiana
Milt Gilliam   Oklahoma
Patricia Vale  Maryland
Kathie Winckler Texas

Members not in Attendance
David Eberhard Arkansas
Jenny Nimer    Florida
Timothy Carman Kentucky
Christopher Epps Mississippi
Ellis McSwain  Missouri
Timothy Moose  North Carolina
Kela Thomas    South Carolina
Gary Tullock   Tennessee
James Sisk     Virginia
Henry Lowery   West Virginia

Guests:
Ethel White
Jackie Brunson
Jay Lynn
Richie Spears
Linda Mustafa
Christopher Harris
Regina Grimes
Floyd Keeney
Shari Britton
Steve Turner  
Betty Payton  
Victoria Jakes  
Jody Tracey  
Karen Tucker  
Melanie Brook  
Ellie McMullen  
Ellie McPherson  
Karla Brune  
Julie Lohman  

Staff:  
Harry Hageman  
Sam Razor  
Kevin Terry  
Mindy Spring  
Xavier Donnelly

Call to Order  
Commissioner C. Norman called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm EST. Seven commissioners were present, a quorum was not established.

Commissioner C. Norman welcomed the states to the first region meeting since the last business meeting.

Agenda  
Agenda was approved by acclamation.

Minutes  
R. Spears noted that he attended the last region meeting. Minutes from September 13, 2011 meeting were approved as amended by acclamation.

Executive Committee Update  
Commissioner M. Gilliam, Chairman of the Commission, stated that the Executive Committee met four times since the last business meeting. All Committees are appointed, however if anybody is interested to serve as a member on any of the committees they need to contact the Chairman or the National Office. Commissioner K. Madris, DCA Liaison Committee Chair, is seeking new member for her committee.

The Executive Committee works on developing training plans for the upcoming business meeting.

Currently, the Commission operates under the budget.

Commissioner K. Winckler, Technology Committee Chair, informed the Region that recently K. Winckler, D. Ege, H. Hageman and S. Razor reviewed the Appriss Justice
Xchange MOU and made changes based on previous Commission recommendation. The document was sent the Appriss for review.

The Technology Committee along with SEARCH is working on RFP for a new vendor for ICOTS.

**Discussion**
Commissioner C. Norman inquired whether any region members are aware or use a protocol on handling interstate compact offenders during natural disasters.

J. Tracey stated that District of Columbia had recently completed COP – Continuing Operations Plan – that handle interstate compact offenders during emergencies.

**States Update:**

*Alabama* recently completed implementing ICOTS protocol – a number of different trainings and documents users have to complete to gain an access to ICOTS in Alabama.

*Arkansas* starts new rules training in February 2012. Arkansas is working on implementation of the evidence based practice.

*District of Columbia:* Commissioner N. Ware asked states to have their releasing authorities signed the sex offender condition prior to offenders’ reporting to the District or being accepted to the District.

*Florida* has ongoing ICOTS trainings. When it is needed and possible, Florida sends its progress reports in Spanish to Puerto Rico.

*Georgia:* Probation has a new Compact Manager – S. Phillips. The State Council has new executive and victims’ representatives. The changes will be submitted to the National Office shortly.

Parole assigned an officer to serve as the designated ICOTS expert to reduce number of ICOTS errors.

*Kentucky:* S. Turner stated that the Compact staff finished its trainings on the new rule amendments. The staff is in the process of training field officers.

*Louisiana* is trainings its staff and field officers with new rules amendments. Louisiana had recently passed a new administrative sanction law.

Commissioner K. Winckler stated that Rule 4.101 and AO 2-2005 cover the interstate offenders’ administrative sanctions issue.

*Maryland* is experiencing difficulties with funding its extraditions.
Missouri is also experiencing difficulties with offenders’ extraditions. The Compact staff recently completed the new rule amendment training.

Mississippi has been on the national media news due to confusion with Governor Barbour’s pardons. Many offenders who received pardon letters did not meet its qualifications. Mississippi’s Attorney General is reviewing every case, before proceeding with the pardon.

North Carolina: J. Lynn stated that the Department of Correction merged with the Juvenile Services and Crime Control to form a department of Public Safety. NC Community Correction has a new director – David Guice.

Oklahoma: Commissioner M. Gilliam stated a few years ago Oklahoma’s legislation passed a bill that allowed district attorney offices to supervise offenders. As a result of this bill, many offenders, including interstate compact offenders, are being improperly supervised. Commissioner M. Gilliam met with district attorney’s counselor to discuss this issue.

South Carolina’s: The Compact Office’s staff completed the new rules training. The office lost one position, but plans to fill it in March 2012.

Texas – Commissioner K. Winckler informed the region about recently passed Texas law that allows offenders to gain up to 60 days supervision credit, if they complete certain types of educational classes.

All Texas Compact staff attended the new rule training.

Virginia’s Compact Office completed new rules training and plans to provide the same training to its filed officers in February 2012.

West Virginia’s commissioner H. Lowery retired on Nov 30, 2011. The Compact Office will provide the rule amendment training to its field officers in February 2012.

Commissioner J. James inquired about reply function in ICOTS, stating that many users simply creating a new compact action request instead of properly proceeding with the reply function.

Commissioner C. Norman stated that training may resolve this issue.

The Region will meet again on April 19th, 2012.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm EST.