INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

SOUTH REGION
WEB CONFERENCE MEETING

February 7, 2006
10:00 am EST

Members In Attendance

1. Robert Oakes, Rich Pierce (AL)
2. David Guntharp (AR)
3. Cathy Terry-Crusor (DC)
4. Ron Williams, Karen Tucker (FL)
5. Joe Kuebler, David Morrisson, Lindy Clark (GA)
6. Amanda Burton, Angela Tolley (KY)
7. Genie Powers, Gregg Smith (LA)
8. Melanie Brock, Ellie McMullen (MD)
9. Ivy Keys, Laura Cole (MS)
10. Wanda LaCour (MO)
11. Milt Gilliam (OK)
12. Kathy Winckler (TX)
13. Walt Pulliam, James Camache (VA)

Members Not In Attendance

1. North Carolina
2. South Carolina
3. Tennessee
4. West Virginia

Staff

1. Mindy Spring
2. Kelli Price
3. Xavier Donnelly
4. Don Blackburn
Opening Comments  Robert Oakes

- The meeting was called to order by R. Oakes at 10:12 am EST. A roll call was taken. A quorum was established.
- R. Oakes would like to start having region meetings every 60 days. The Executive Committee is meeting in Lexington April 11 and R. Oakes would like to hold another region teleconference at the end of April.

National Office Update  Don Blackburn

- D. Blackburn shared with the region members that the 2005 Annual Report has been completed and the National Office will be mailing them out by week’s end.
- Recently the National Office met with Softscape and their software engineers to go through each screen of the system. This will help with the flow process. Softscape is working on some changes to get the system ready for UAT testing.
- J. Kuebler feels we have turned a corner with Softscape. A firm implementation date still has not been determined.
- D. Blackburn shared with the region that we are still working with IJIS, who is looking at the security of the system and making sure we are in compliance with Global Justice XML language. This is critical for us to do in order to issue states an integration document that states will be able to have to interface with the system. The National Office is trying to work with BJAA in order to apply for a grant to develop a tool kit to assist states with their interaction with the system.
- Mindy Spring has been promoted from Executive Assistant to Systems Administrator to help with the Technology Department and Sheila Perry is no longer with the National Office. We are currently looking for someone to take over the NACIS project and will keep you up to date as information becomes available.
- The National Office is working diligently to create training sessions and modules on WebEx. This week we will be conducting a test training with various states across the country on Rules 3 and 4. First time we have done this. North Carolina has requested Compact Training next week. This training is interactive via WebEx. All attendees will be able to view the slides as D. Blackburn lectures from the National Office. The National Office is looking at WebEx to train more and more individuals nation-wide on the Compact, the Rules and NACIS. Also looking at WebEx features that is an on-demand feature that attendees can access specific rules and have training on that specific rule. WebEx can save the Commission money and train more individuals than ever before.
- Contact the National Office if you would like training sessions scheduled for your state or schedule State Council meetings. (Kelli - kprice@interstatecompact.org or Mindy -mspring@interstatecompact.org)
Executive Committee Updates  David Guntharp

- Nothing to report at this time.

Rules Committee  Milt Gilliam

- The Rules Committee conducted the National Teleconference in January regarding the 3 rules that had been referred to them from the Annual Business Meeting.
  - 2 rules were voted down and referred back to the Rules Committee
    - The definition of relocate
    - Rule 3.103
  - Rule 3.106 passed with an implementation date around the implementation of NACIS.

- The Rules Committee will be meeting face-to-face February 28 and March 1, 2006 to discuss the rules that will be discussed at the 2006 Annual Business Meeting.
  - Relocate
  - 3.103
  - 3.105
  - 3.101 dealing with mandatory transfers and language
  - New definition of formal communication
  - 3.108
  - 4.111
  - Review section 5 of the manual

- M. Gilliam sent out notices to the standing committee chairs and region chairs requesting that they send him comments on rules to be changed or drafted.
- Once the rule is passed out of the committee/region it will be sent to the National Office for tracking purposes. This will enable the Commission to view the progress of the comments and be able to access it through the website.
- Another face-to-face meeting will be scheduled in June to take all of the comments and draft the rules for the 2006 Annual Business Meeting.
- J. Kuebler feels that at some point the Rules Committee needs to separate the rules out by drawing the line between probation and parole. How can we go about getting this looked at? M. Gilliam suggested some sort of Ad Hoc committee to look into this.
**Training Committee**  *Don Blackburn*

- The most exciting thing right now is WebEx.
- D. Blackburn will be attending Minnesota’s State Council Meeting on February 22 and will be conducting training in Mississippi on the 23rd and 24th.
- D. Blackburn trained a couple of times in Connecticut over the last few months. As well as in Texas while attending the APPA conference.
- Mindy from the National Office will be setting up a training page on the website for you to set up trainings for your state. Watch the website for updates.

**Technology Committee**  *Joe Kuebler*

- J. Kuebler reiterated to everyone the commitment the Technology Committee and National Office has and will continue to have to produce a viable system.
- K. Winckler asked when implementation will be. J. Kuebler reiterated that there is not a set date. A new timetable will be out as soon as we finish UAT testing.

**Finance Committee**  *Genie Powers*

- Nothing to report at this time.

**Compliance Committee**  *Robert Oakes*

- Nothing to report at this time.

**State Updates**

**Alabama**  *Robert Oakes*

- A new Compact Administrator, Rich Pierce has been appointed, an email announcement will be sent out by R. Oakes soon.
- R. Oakes wanted to discuss mandatory acceptances. Feels the rule can be abused. Doctor ordered medical treatment needs to be addressed. D. Guntharp advised R. Oakes to discuss the situation with the Commissioner in the other state requesting assistance to solve the issue.
- Alabama has had a hard time enforcing compliance with the judges. Would like to see stronger enforcement of some of the violations of judges to show that there are consequences when the judges are in violation.

**Arkansas**  *David Guntharp*

- Things are going well in Arkansas. D. Guntharp wanted to stress to the Commissioners to phone one another to work out issues/situations. Please work with each other through communication.
**District of Columbia**  Cathy Terry-Crusor

- Rolled out 3rd version of Case Management system.

**Florida**  Ron Williams

- Starting to update local operating procedures.
- Plan on starting state-wide training in Florida

**Georgia**  Joe Kuebler

- Joyce Donald from probation is leaving. Please be patient with the probation side as they are in a transition phase.

**Kentucky**  Angela Tolley

- Excellent relationship with all states.

**Missouri**  Wanda La Cour

- 6 WebEx training sessions have been conducted in the last month along with demos of the NACIS system. Very successful and well received by all.

**Louisiana**  Gregg Smith

- State of Louisiana is extremely short staffed
- Thanked all states for assisting with aftermath of Katrina
- Budget slashed by 20% thereby impacting our work load
- Taking 2 weeks instead of 1 or 2 days. Please be patient with us.

**Maryland**  Melanie Brock

- State Council met via teleconference last week.
- State wide training
- Distribution and training of Benchbooks – very well received.

**Mississippi**  Ivy Keys

- Looking forward to D. Blackburn coming at the end of the month for training
- L. Cole shared with the members that we are recovering nicely from Katrina, but do have a shortage of staff. Extended gratitude to all for their assistance with the recovery.
Oklahoma  Milt Gilliam

- State Council met last week before their legislative session met.
- In the process of moving all files into Interstate Office and re-evaluate positions in the office to better serve the other states.

Texas  Kathy Winckler

- New Director of Interstate Compact Office, Regina Grimes, in Austin, TX.
- Thanked D. Blackburn for the 3 days assisting at APPA and training of the Interstate Compact staff.

Virginia  James Camache

- Denny Gaulden retired from the Interstate Office on Jan 1, 2006 and replaced by Jim Sisk.
- Ad Hoc Sex Offenders having a conference call on the 16th.

Closing Comments

- The next meeting will be held at the end of April.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am EST.