



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Rules Committee Meeting MINUTES

February 12, 2020 2:00 pm ET

Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Chair
2. Rebecca Brunger (AK)
3. Joe Winkler (FL)
4. Chris Moore (GA)
5. Robert Maccarone (NY)
6. Joselyn Lopez (WI)
7. Tim Strickland (FL), Ex-Officio
8. Turran Blazier (IN), Ex-Officio
9. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Ex-Officio
10. Margaret Thompson (PA), Ex-Officio

Members not in Attendance:

1. Dori Littler (AZ), Vice-Chair
2. Linda Rosenberg (PA)
3. Pat Odell (WY), Ex-Officio

Guests:

1. Mathew Charton (NY)
2. Tina Balandran (TX)
3. Brandon Watts (TX)

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director
3. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator
4. Mindy Spring, Administrative and Training Coordinator
5. Xavier Donnelly, ICOTS Project Manager

Call to Order

Chair M. Hudson (IN) called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm ET. Executive Director A. Lippert called the roll. Six voting members were present, a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner J. Lopez (WI) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner J. Winkler (FL) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner J. Winkler (FL) moved to approve the minutes from December 18, 2019 meeting as drafted. Commissioner J. Lopez (WI) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

The West's concept rule proposal of managing offenders convicted of domestic violence: Executive Director A. Lippert informed the committee that this proposal originated from the West Region last year. The Rules Committee decided to postpone review of the proposal until the next rules cycle to have enough time to examine the issue in details.

“Domestic violence offender” means an adult placed under, or made subject to, supervision as the result of the commission of a criminal offense and released to the community under the jurisdiction of courts, paroling authorities, corrections, or other criminal justice agencies, and whose victim in the instant offense is known to reside in the receiving state.

Rule 3.XXX Transfer of domestic violence offenders

Reporting instructions for domestic violence offenders – Rules 3.101-1, 3.103 and 3.106 apply to the transfer of domestic violence offenders, as defined by the compact, except for the following:

1. The receiving state shall have 5 business days to review the proposed residence to ensure compliance with local policies or laws or victim notification

Justification:

Rule 3.103 currently does not provide for any exception to DV offenders who are returning home to reside in the same state as their victim. We have seen numerous instances of offenders returning home who assault their victims again. The “victim sensitive” status in ICOTS is not enough and states either don’t pay attention to this status or don’t know what to do with it. Adding this exception to DV offenders like we do with sex offenders could give the receiving state and the sending state a good opportunity to ensure known victims are notified prior to the offender’s departure to the state where they also reside.

Since both of the West Region representatives were not able to attend the meeting, the committee tabled the discussion of this proposal until its next meeting.

Rule 3.108-1 Victim notification and requests for offender information: Chair M. Hudson (IN) informed the committee that the national office received questions regarding Rule 3.108-1 *Victim notification and requests for offender information* during the recent rule amendments training.

Training Coordinator M. Spring noted that new Rule 3.108-1(b) stated “*The receiving state shall respond to requests for offender information from the sending state no later than the 5th business day following the receipt of the request.*” She inquired whether the ‘offender information’ was different from what would be requested in a Progress Report (30 days) and whether the intent was to facilitate victim notification. If that was the case, she would instruct the trainers to teach that “*Offender information intended to assist in victim notification must be provided at the sending state’s request within 5 business days.*”

The committee was in agreement that it was the intent of the Rules Committee to have timely victim information sharing.

The national office will adjust the training PPT accordingly.

Chair M. Hudson (IN) noted that at the last meeting, the committee discussed that this rule was not clearly written, and inquired whether the committee needed to revisit the rule.

Training Coordinator M. Spring stated that the issue could be resolved on the training level.

Old/New Business

The committee will meet again via WebEx on March 11, 2020.

Adjourn

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) moved to adjourn. Commissioner J. Lopez (WI) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm ET.