



EAST REGION REPORT

Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

2020 Annual Business Meeting

To: Commissioners of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

From: Dale Crook, Chair, East Region and Commissioner, State of Vermont

As the East Region Chair, I am very proud to represent this region. The East Region is actively engaged in the Commission's operations with our commissioners and deputy compact administrators (DCA) involved in all committees. Including the last Annual Business Meeting, the East Region met on four occasions to discuss updates, rule proposals, training opportunities, warrant tracking, best practices, and a variety of other Commission related matters. The region constituted a quorum at all four meetings in accordance with the region's goals.

Every year, we have to say goodbye to some friends and welcome new commissioners and DCAs to the Commission. The East Region has one new commissioner appointed since the last annual business meeting: Susan Gagnon (ME) as well as two new DCAs - Richard Figurelle (DE) and Shyra Bland (NJ).

I would like to express appreciation and gratitude for the level of cooperation, coordination, and creativity that came from the East Region DCAs since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. With supervision challenges and restrictions, members continue to supervise offenders as normal as possible under the given circumstances. DCA East Region Chair Natalie Latulippe (CT) conducts regular region meetings to discuss best practices and solutions to ensure Compact operations continue.

East Region Mission

Serve as a liaison between the Commission and states within a defined geographic area. Provide assistance, share best practices, recommend rule changes, and report to the Executive Committee.

East Region Goals

1. Develop a list of known best practices, emerging trends, and training opportunities.
2. Engage discussions on aligning compact practices with principles of reentry and justice reinvestment

Agenda items and topics of discussion at the meetings included:

- 2019 rule proposals, including compact staff training and ICOTS enhancements
- Retaking timeframes as outlined in rules
- FY20 compliance warrant tracking audit as well as the warrant audit workgroup & FY21 compliance audit plan
- ICOTS training integration project
- ICOTS enhancements
- Recommendations for the annual business meeting training sessions and location
- Reports from the DCA East Region chair
- COVID-19 state updates
- FY22 annual dues reduction proposal
- ICAOS legal training on the Commission's response to COVID-19
- Rule 2.111 emergency suspension of enforcement of rules
- Legality of electronic witness signatures

Respectfully submitted,

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