



## MIDWEST REGION REPORT

### *Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision*

2020 Annual Business Meeting

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**To:** Commissioners of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

**From:** Russell Marlan, Chair, Midwest Region and Commissioner, State of Michigan

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The Midwest Region commissioners and Deputy Compact Administrators (DCAs) met four times counting the last annual business meeting (ABM) in San Diego, California. The region had a quorum at each of these meetings, demonstrating consistency with one of its established goals.

#### **Midwest 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.

#### **Midwest 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**

- Dues reductions due to the COVID-19 virus to ease budget issues
- Training tools for rule enhancements
- DCA training institute ideas
- Executive Committee updates
- Rule 2.111 Emergency Suspension of Enforcement of Rules
- Region chair election
- FY21 audit delay due to COVID-19

The Midwest Region continues to be supportive of the direction the Commission has taken regarding the supervision of interstate compact offenders. This includes the promotion of graduated interventions, the use of evidence-based practices and risk assessments to support behavioral change and effective supervision, improved documentation requirements, ICOTS enhancements, and the handling of violations with a new standard more focused on effective public safety.

All this work supports a single standard of supervision, improves offender accountability, and promotes increased effectiveness of transfers between states, again, in the interest of public safety. The Midwest

Region was also impressed with the Commission's response to the pandemic and their ability to adjust during a time of crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

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