



## **SOUTH 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: Julie Kempker, Chair, South Region and Commissioner, State of Missouri**

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The South Region commissioners and deputy compact administrators (DCAs) met four times counting the last Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in San Diego, California, constituting a quorum at each of these meetings.

The South Region had three new commissioners appointed since the last annual business meeting- Amber Schubert (AR), James Rudek (OK), and David Gutierrez (TX) as well as two new DCAs - Jerry Primes (LA) and Lloyd Turner (SC).

The South Region continues to be well represented within all committees in the Commission.

#### **South 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.

#### **South 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.

#### **South Region Meetings**

At their October 8, 2019 face-to-face meeting, the region reviewed the 2019 rule proposals and how they related to warrants timeframes. Concerns were discussed on state's ability to meet warrant timeframes and the challenges states face, particularly on the probation side. The region also elected Commissioner J. Kempker (MO) as the new South Region chair.

At its Feb 8, 2020 meeting, the region discussed approved rule amendment & ICOTS enhancement trainings, as well as the new ICOTS Enhancement Policy and timeline. DCA South Region Chair Timothy Strickland (FL) updated the region on DCAs activities and their discussion on practical

methods of ICOTS notifications when changing dates for early termination. Executive Director Lippert updated the region on other Commission news.

In May, the South region discussed the effects of COVID-19, as well as issues to bring to the Executive Committee's attention. The South Region DCAs were meeting every three weeks and set their expectations for cooperation during the pandemic. All South Region compact offices were working to process cases. Executive Director Lippert spoke about new Rule 2.111 *Emergency Suspension of Enforcement of Rules* adopted by the Commission in April 2020 and the public hearing and comment process that took place retroactively.

The region met again on July 28, 2020 to discuss the FY22 Dues Reduction Proposal recommended by the Executive Committee. The proposal was made due to many states facing significant pressure to cut their spending as a result of economic challenges presented by COVID-19. The region also discussed the decision to hold the 2020 ABM virtually. DCA South Region Chair Timothy Strickland (FL) informed the region that the South Region DCAs continued to cooperate and work well with each other. Most South Region states had lifted their restrictions by this time. Executive Director Lippert updated the region on the final draft of ICOTS enhancement proposals to be voted at the 2020 ABM, ICOTS Training Integration Project, the new legal training opportunities for states to use to train its legal community, as well as the new dashboard reports training posted on the Commission's website. The South Region states also shared their operational issues during the pandemic.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all South Region commissioners and DCAs who despite the challenges, continue to work together to uphold the purposes of the Compact.

Respectfully submitted,

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