INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

2020 Annual Business Meeting

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

From: **Chris Moore, Chair, Information Technology Committee Chair and Commissioner, State of Georgia**

The Information Technology Committee conducted three meetings since last year's Annual Business Meeting.

Information Technology Committee Members
- Chris Moore (GA), chair, commissioner
- Benjamin Jean (NH), commissioner
- Dan Blanchard (UT), commissioner
- Mac Pevey (WA), commissioner
- Joselyn López (WI), commissioner
- Matthew Billinger (KS), ex-officio, DCA
- Daryn Cobb (MI), ex-officio, DCA
- Julie Lohman (VA), ex-officio, DCA

The following are highlights of the Information Technology Committee's fiscal year 2020 activities:

ICOTS FY 2020 Rule Amendment Changes
On April 1, 2020, three functional enhancements covering approved rule amendments were launched in ICOTS. A description of each enhancement is as follows:

- New verbiage on absconder violations reports *[Rules 1.101 Definitions, 4.109 Absconding Violation]*
- New definition of sex offender and management of sex offender status *[Rules 1.101 Definitions, 3.101-3 Transfer of supervision of sex offenders, 3.107 Transfer Request]*

- New documentation requirements on progress report *[Rule 4.106 Progress reports on offender compliance and non-compliance]*

ICOTS FY 2021 Enhancements

Fiscal year 2020 was the first year of the committee utilizing the new enhancement request policy. In all, seven enhancement requests were reviewed and approved to move forward for Commission comment. After the comment period, the committee voted to recommend all seven enhancements for approval by the Commission and will meet again to review statements of work (costs of each enhancement) and prioritize for vote prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Currently, the budget for ICOTS enhancements is $50,000 per year.

ICOTS Help Points

After the rule amendment ICOTS changes were launched, Appriss began development on the ICOTS Help Points. The ICOTS Help Points were designed to replace and improve upon the ICOTS User Guide PDF. Instead of a large and cumbersome document that's difficult to update, easy to understand tips and explanations will now be integrated within the application itself.

This first batch of help points were launched on July 15, 2020. They cover the following areas:
- ICOTS login screen
- Assistants tab
- Seven of the most commonly used compact activities

The remainder of the ICOTS screens and compact activities will be covered in code releases in the coming months.

The following are identified goals and challenges for FY 2021:
- Implement ICOTS changes prior to the effective date of any rules changes;
- Provide guidance on future ICOTS enhancements;
- Continue to explore options to expand and enhance data sharing opportunities with federal and local criminal justice agencies;
- Continue to pursue value enhancing data export of ICOTS offender and case information with state agencies;
- Continue to work on the NCIC initiative to improve the Wanted Person File related to IC warrants and bond information for retaking purposes.

Thank you for your attention and continued support of the Commission's technology projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Moore

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