



SOUTH REGION REPORT

To: Commissioners of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

From: Julie Kempker, Chair, South Region and Commissioner, State of Missouri

The South Region had one new commissioner and four new DCAs appointed since the last business meeting – Commissioner Christopher Hill (TN), DCA Darla Hood (LA), DCA Alison Woodruff (MO), DCA Cynthia Stout (TX), and DCA Jocelyn Angton (TX).

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

The South Region commissioners and deputy compact administrators (DCAs) met four times including a meeting at the last Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

At its **September 23, 2021**, meeting, the region reviewed the rule and ICOTS enhancement proposals for Commission's consideration at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting. The region had a lively discussion on the Warrant Proposal Package to expand the timeframe for issuing compact compliant warrants to a standard 15-business day, when an offender fails to arrive or return as instructed or is subject to retaking. Concerns were discussed on states' ability to meet proposed warrant timeframes and the challenges states face, particularly on the probation side. The region also examined changes to the annual dues assessment resulted from the latest census results.

The meeting concluded with state updates on their COVID-19 status and associated challenges and the election of new region chair - Commissioner Julie Kempker (MO).

At its **January 25, 2022**, meeting, the region reviewed the FY 2023 ICOTS Enhancements process dates and states provided their COVID update, challenges, and solutions. The executive director provided the national office update to the region.

At its **April 19, 2022**, meeting, the region discussed FY 2022 rejection assessment findings. States found the report helpful to compare their state assessment results to the national assessment results and discussed incorporating the assessment's best practices and tools in their in-state trainings.

In addition, the region discussed upcoming FY 2023 data integrity audit that was adopted by the executive committee to ensure the ICOTS data extracts contain valid, dependable, and timely information for Commission's internal and external partners. The region reviewed revised and retired ICAOS administrative policies as well as the upcoming annual business meeting information and the 2022 ICOTS enhancement proposals comment period.

The region met again on **July 28, 2022**. The region disused the executive committee's recommendation to increase the annual dues by a standard 5.25% for five years starting in FY2024. In FY2029, the standard annual increase reduces to 3%. The region was in support of the increase.

The region analyzed proposals to amend Rule 5.101-2 and Rules 4.104-1 proposed by the State of Florida. Based on the discussion, Florida will revise the proposals and present the final drafts at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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