Members in attendance:
1. Rich Bitel    Chair, NY
2. Kevin Dunphy (Designee)    RI
3. Carmen Ayala (Designee)    PR
4. Arline Swan    VI
5. Maureen Walsh    MA
6. Wayne Theriault    ME
7. Theresa Lantz    CT
8. Ben Martinez    PA

Guests:
1. Don LaFratta
2. Kay Longenberger
3. Margaret Thompson
4. Semona Childs
5. Brandon Rose
6. Karl Hines
7. Sandra Layton
8. Tracy Johnson
9. Carmen Ayala
10. John Gusz
11. Patty Malone
12. Steve Phillips
13. Tami Ford
14. Jeanne Stewart
15. Chris Callahan

Members not in attendance:
1. Jacqueline Kotkin (VT)
2. Carl Danberg (DE)
3. Peter Barns (NJ)

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4. Mike McAlister (NH)

Staff:
1. Sam Razor

Call to Order
East Region Chair R. Bitel (NY) called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm EDT. Seven out of twelve members were present thereby constructing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda
Commissioner B. Martinez (PA) made a motion to amend the agenda. A poll of states in the region will be conducted in regards to how states determine an offender is a sex offender when issuing reporting instructions. Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) seconded. The amendment was approved.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) made a motion to approve the East Region minutes from May 6, 2008. Kevin Dunphy (RI) seconded. The minutes were approved.

Discussion
Robert Maccarone, Director NY Probation, conducted a presentation on the importance of Transferring jurisdiction of Interstate Probation cases.

Sam Razor, MIS Project Manager (ICAOS), conducted a demonstration of the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System.

Lexmark, Inc. conducted a demonstration of scanners in interstate compact offices.

Recess
Chair R. Bitel declared the meeting in recess until 8:00am EDT on June 24, 2008.

Reconvened
Chair R. Bitel reconvened the meeting at 8:13am EDT on June 24, 2008.

Commissioner M. Walsh (MA), Vice Chair of the Compliance Committee, reported on the face-to-face meeting that was conducted by the Compliance Committee on April 9-10, 2008.

Commissioner M. Walsh suggested initiating a proposal requesting the Commission for face-to-face region meetings’ funding.

The Region had discussion on the necessity of the state councils initiated by Commissioner W. Theriault (ME). The region decided to request a survey to determine the number of states with active state councils and resume the discussion at the next Region meeting.

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The Region had discussion on the out of state treatment cases initiated by Commissioner M. Walsh (MA). The Region decided to resume the discussion on discretionary cases at the next Region meeting.

Chair R. Bitel (NY) appointed DCA K. Dunphy (RI) as a chair of the East Region Probation Workgroup. The workgroup will consist of volunteers from East region commissioners and DCAs. The workgroup goals are to

- Review the Rules and their application to the Probation cases
- Transferring jurisdiction of Interstate Probation cases

Judge J. Curran (MA) gave a presentation on GPS and the Sex Offender Rule issues.

The Region had discussion on the mandatory GPS issue initiated by DCA E. McDermott (MA). The Region took a poll determining states that used the GPS system:

- NY Parole - yes
  Probation - under jurisdiction
- RI Parole/Probation - no
- PR Parole/Probation – no
- VI Parole/Probation - no
- PA Parole/Probation – no
- NJ Parole – yes
  Probation – no
- MA Parole/Probation – yes
- DE Parole/Probation - yes
- CT Parole/Probation - yes
- ME Parole/Probation - no

Commissioner B. Martinez (PA) brought to the Region’s attention the issue of the Sex Offender Rule for Probation cases. Each state of the Region shared their practice of determining sex offender registration in the receiving state.

Chair R. Bitel (NY) encouraged the Region to email any rule amendment proposals to Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) and DCA P. Malone (MA).

The Region had discussion on residence with Resident Family mandatory cases issue.

**Commissioner M. Walsh (MA) made a motion to refer the proposed rule amendment to the Rules Committee. Commissioner W. Theriault (ME) seconded. The motion passed.**

**RULE _____ Mandatory retaking upon withdrawal of assistance by resident family**

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Upon a request from a receiving state, a sending state shall retake or order the return of an offender, transferred pursuant to the criteria in Rule 3.101 (e) and who is not a resident of the receiving state, from the receiving state or a subsequent receiving state, if (a) the resident family has notified the receiving state that it is no longer willing and able to assist the offender as specified in the plan of supervision, (b) the offender has no other means of support in the receiving state, and (c) the offender has been in the receiving state for less than one year.

**Justification:** This rule would require the mandatory retaking of an offender upon the withdrawal of assistance by the resident family. Cases arise whereby an offender, accepted by the receiving state as a mandatory case because of resident family, no longer has a valid plan of supervision because the resident family has withdrawn its support. It is intended to apply in situations where the resident family is the only connection the offender has to the receiving state. It would not apply to an offender who is a resident of the receiving state or who has another means of support in the receiving state, or who has been in the receiving state for more than one year.

DCA C. Ayala (PR) initiated discussion on the special conditions imposed by a receiving state. The Region decided to narrow this issue and continue the discussion at the next Region meeting.

Commissioner B. Martinez (PA) initiated discussion on the early termination of supervision by a court. The Region decided that it was a training issue.

**Old Business**
There was no Old Business.

**New Business**
Victims’ Coordinator D. Coffey (MA) pointed out to the importance of the information sharing between the Victims’ services and Parole and Probation.

Annual Business Meeting 2009 will take place in November 2009 in Reno, NV.

Chair R. Bitel (NY) informed the Region about the agenda items for the Annual Business Meeting 2008 and encouraged the Region members attending the business meeting to purchase their tickets in advance.

Chair R. Bitel (NY) informed the Region about the upcoming election for the Commission’s positions of the Chairman, the Vice-Chair and the Treasurer.

The Region will meet again on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at 10:00 am EDT.
Chair R. Bitel reported to the Region on the results of the new commissioner orientation for Commissioner R. Martinez (PR).

**Adjourn**
Chair R. Bitel adjourned the meeting at 12:52pm.