Arizona State Council Meeting
Minutes
September 12, 2007

I. Welcome - Dr. Dora Schriro, Director of Arizona Department of Corrections

II. Introductions - Members and Guests

Dr. Dora Schriro called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Dora Schriro
Jerry Eitniear
Dori Ege
Dan Levey
Thayer Verschoor
Steven Yarbrough
Criss Candelaria (via teleconference)
Jeremy Mussman
Thomas Thurman
Chris Vasquez

Members not Present:

Judge Tim Ryan

Guests:

Kathy Waters, AOC
JL Doyle, AOC
Jerry Landau, AOC

III. A power point presentation aided in discussion of various topics concerning the purpose of the interstate compact and the state council. Main areas of discussion included:

- Annual Dues Assessment – Proposed Increase. Dori Ege provided an overview of the national commission’s upcoming proposal to increase state’s dues assessments annually by 6% beginning in FY’09 and continuing through FY ’12. This proposed increase will be voted on at the national commission meeting on September 26, 2007. Jerry Landau, Director of Government Affairs at AOC, provided information regarding the need for Arizona to amend A.R.S. § 31-467
each time the national commission increases the dues assessment. Jerry will meet with Senator Verschoor and Representative Yarbrough to discuss options to revise this statute to alleviate re-opening it each time an increase is imposed.

- Dori Ege made a motion to approve a dues assessment increase of no more than 6% annually beginning in FY ’09 and ending in FY ’12, with the agreement that Jerry Landau, Senator Verschoor and Representative Yarbrough will draft language to revise A.R.S. § 31-467 to allow for future increases to the assessment amount paid by Arizona.
- Thomas Thurman seconded the motion; motion carries.
- Training: State Council members are encouraged to share information about the interstate compact and the national website (www.interstatecompact.org) with constituents in an effort to increase training and knowledge of the interstate compact and its procedures.
- National Database Update – The national commission settled with the previous vendor out of court and has entered into a new contract with Appriss from Louisville, Kentucky. A final technical specification document has been completed and the vendor is in the process of building modules for the system.

IV. Action Items:

- Explore possible amendment to the recent GPS legislation to account for incoming and outgoing sex offenders
  - This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.
- Explore option of proposing new legislation to make the presence of a parolee or probationer in Arizona a crime unless they are here with compact permission
  - Discussion ensued regarding this idea and it was agreed by the council that probation and parole would look into this matter to determine if there is a need in Arizona for this type of legislation and to review other states that currently have this type of legislation. This topic will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Continue to work with supervision issues on our Indian Reservations
  - Work is ongoing with both probation and parole. Dori Ege attended the Tribal Crime Data and Information Sharing Conference in Phoenix on August 2 and 3, 2007, to further this goal.
- Continue to work with victim’s organizations and review existing rules to enhance their role and ensure rights are protected
  - Pat Tuthill, ICAOS’ victim’s representative made a presentation at the Arizona Judicial Education Conference in June 2007.
  - Dan Levey, state council member and victim’s advocate from the governor’s office, continually works to improve and ensure
victim’s rights are heard and upheld. Dan was the recipient of
the 2007 Ronald Wilson Reagan Public Policy Award. Dan is
currently working on numerous projects in Arizona and across
the country, including: Participating in the September 25th
national recognition day for crime victims in Washington,
D.C.; Following federal legislation that will assist family’s who
lose dependents to murder so that their taxes are not unfairly
increased; Working on revisions to regulations to allow for
victims of crime to receive leave with pay from work to attend
court hearings, etc.; Worked with the Arizona Department of
Corrections over the last 4 years on the program that allows
inmates to donate to charities in an effort to give back to
communities above and beyond restitution. The inmates
collected $450,000 last year alone.

- Restitution study: Do interstate compact offenders pay more
  regularly?
  ✓ This action item has not been completed and will be looked at
  in the coming year.

V. Current (as of August 31, 2007) interstate compact populations:
Parole:
  Incoming: 507
  Outgoing: 304
Probation:
  Incoming: 1,452
  Outgoing: 2,220

VI. Next Meeting: Discussion ensued about meeting again in either October or
November to be able to discuss the GPS issue, the dues assessment increase,
and the topic of proposing legislation to make it a crime for an offender on
active supervision to be in Arizona outside the auspices of the interstate
compact. The members of the council agreed to schedule another meeting.
Dori Ege will send out possible dates to the members for October or

VII. Non-agenda items - Members

Dori Ege provided information regarding the National Commission’s annual
business meeting. It will be held September 26, 2007, at the Coronado
Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.