Arizona State Council Meeting
Minutes
November 14, 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 1:37 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Dora Schriro
Jerry Eitniear
Dori Ege
Dan Levey
Thayer Verschoor
Jeremy Mussman
Thomas Thurman

Members not Present:

Judge Tim Ryan
Criss Candelaria
Senator Verschoor
Chris Vasquez

III. Dues Assessment Increase – an update was provided to the council that the proposed dues increase did pass at the September annual business meeting of the Interstate Commission. Recommended revisions to A.R.S. § 31-467 and 12-267 will be drafted and provided to Jerry Landau.

IV. GPS Legislation – further discussion ensued regarding the incoming and outgoing offender population and how they are impacted or not impacted by Arizona’s GPS Legislation. Director Schriro provided an update to the council from recent meetings held with legislators and officials from the department of corrections and probation. The Adult Probation Services Division has been asked to draft language revisions to the current legislation to address the needs of incoming or outgoing offenders affected by the GPS law.
V. Proposal for new legislation in Arizona – further discussion ensued regarding whether Arizona should pursue a proposal to create a new criminal offense for individuals found to be in Arizona outside the auspices of the interstate compact. It was determined that more information is needed before this avenue would be pursued. Dori Ege was charged with creating a list of questions for the 6 states that have this type of legislation to determine the legislation’s effectiveness, costs, etc. and will report the findings to the council.

VI. National Database Update – Jerry Eitinear and Dori Ege met via teleconference with national office personnel regarding the technological needs for Arizona to implement the national database once it comes on line. Updates were provided to the council that both Arizona probation and Arizona parole’s current computer systems will be able to handle the implementation of the web based application. The system is slated to go live near the end of 2008.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled for September 2008. The council will decide via email if a meeting is required prior to then.

VIII. Non-agenda items - Members

Dori Ege provided information regarding new sex offender specific rules that were passed at the September 2007 annual meeting with January 1, 2008 effective dates.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.