STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE COUNCIL FOR INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

Minutes of the State Council for
Interstate Adult Offender Supervision
July 23, 2014

Present:  Dan Stone  Commissioner (Chair)
          Honorable Ronald Coen  Judge, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles
          Karen Neuwald  Appointee, Senate Committee on Rules
          Shirley Friedman  Appointee, Speaker of the Assembly
          Deborah Bain  Victims’ Rights, Deputy Attorney General
          Jim Salio  Chief Probation Officer, San Luis Obispo County Probation
          David Robinson  Sheriff, Kings County

Guests:  Guillermo Viera Rosa  Associate Director, Division of Adult Parole Operations
          Suzanne Pyne  Attorney III, Office of Legal Affairs
          Anthony Pennella  Parole Agent III, Division of Adult Parole Operations
          Cynthia Florez-DeLyon  Chief, Office of Victim & Survivor Rights & Services
          Amber Barnett  Chief, Division of Rehabilitative Programs
          Robert Takeshda  Deputy Director, Board of State and Community Corrections

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Dan Stone

Opening of Meeting – Commissioner/Compact Administrator.

Roll call was completed and all Council Members were present.

Commissioner Stone thanked everyone for attending the State Council meeting.

I. Introduction of State Council Members and Guests

Commissioner Stone introduced Jim Salio, Chief Probation Officer and David Robinson, Sheriff, Kings County, as the Council’s newest members.

Guillermo Viera Rosa introduced Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer, California Board of Parole Hearings and Robert Takeshda, Deputy Director, from Board of State and Community Corrections as guests.

II. Approval of Minutes from State Council Meeting held on September 3, 2013

The Minutes were read and Judge Ronald Coen motioned to approve minutes, Shirley Friedman gave her second.
III. Commissioner’s Report
Guillermo Viera Rosa started by recognizing Mario Fox, Parole Agent II, for his dedicated service to the Interstate Compact Unit. He then introduced the new supervisor for the Interstate Compact Unit, Anthony Pennella, Parole Agent III.

a. Compliance
Anthony Pennella shared that in regards to the active lawsuit against California, California is now in compliance with percentages over 80%, which would be considered “above standards”. California is 97.1% compliant with Case Closure Notices, 100% compliant with Progress Reports, 98% compliant with Request for Reporting Instructions, 88% compliant with Transfer Requests, and 82% compliant with Offender Violation Reports. The next expectation is to become over 90% compliant all across the board. The reports are monitored both daily and weekly to ensure compliance remains above standards.

b. Interstate Training
Anthony Pennella went on to mention that within the past year, training has been provided to 5 County probation departments and 5 State parole units, as well as 4 days of online Web-Ex training that was opened to both Probation and Parole.

c. Current Interstate numbers
Anthony Pennella mentioned to date, California Interstate Compact has 1,329 incoming parole cases, 4,218 incoming probation cases, 506 outgoing parole cases, and 2,137 outgoing probation cases. There are 27 positions filled in the Interstate Unit which makes the unit 97% filled.

d. California Lawsuit
Suzanne Pyne, Senior Attorney, who is part of California’s Litigation Team, mentioned that the lawsuit is currently in settlement mode. Settlement terms are being negotiated and more information will be received during the next meeting. It was noted that limited staff in California’s Interstate office affected compliance and that with action plans implemented, California is now in substantial compliance. Council members commended Interstate’s progress. Commissioner Stone mentioned that quarterly reports will be provided to update Council members.

IV. Other Matters
a. Annual Business Meeting
Dan Stone shared that the Annual Business Meeting will be held next month.

b. Office of Victim & Survivor Rights & Services (OVSRS)
Guillermo Viera Rosa introduced Cynthia Florez-DeLyon from OVSRS, who provided a presentation on how their services assist with the Interstate process.

c. Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP)
Guillermo Viera Rosa introduced Amber Barnett from DRP, who provided a presentation on how their services can assist Interstate offenders.

d. Interstate issues
Guillermo Viera Rosa mentioned that the National Office pointed out that training is needed and that there has been limited Statewide training and judicial training. It was suggested by Judge Ronald Coen, that some type of judicial training be provided as it appears that very little judges are aware of the Interstate process.
e. Extradition issues
Sheriff David Robinson asked who was responsible for Post-Release Community Supervision extradition as some counties do not have the funds and have to wait an extensive amount of time before being reimbursed by the State. Guillermo Viera Rosa mentioned that if it possibly causes a “violation” for Interstate, then the process can possibly be expedited. Assistance will be requested from the California District Attorneys Association.

f. Updates for Probation
Chief Probation Officer Jim Salio requested that his Probation Department would like to receive updates from Interstate for status on their Interstate compliance.

g. Interstate Training
Commissioner Stone mentioned that additional training will be conducted in the near future.

V. Public Comments
Commissioner Stone asked if there were any public comments. A West Sacramento resident came forward to commend the Council on a great job. She went on to share that her son is currently in prison.

VI. Juvenile State Council
Rosalinda Rosalez, Chief, Legislative Unit, Division of Juvenile Justice, spoke briefly about how the current State Council will also serve as the State Council for Juvenile. Karen Neuwald asked if there would be a formal appointment for the Juvenile State Council and Rosalinda mentioned that it does not specify in the Penal Code and that the Governor stated the State Council is to serve for both Adult and Juvenile.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:49 a.m.