INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

California State Council Meeting
Region I Parole Headquarters
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October 19, 2010

Attendees:  Commissioner Margarita Perez, DCA Frank Torres, Assistant Deputy Compact Administrator (Probation) Mario Fox, Judge Ronald S. Coen, Chief Probation Officer Wesley Forman, and Mr. Anthony Williams.

Absent:  San Joaquin Sheriff Stephan Moore

Meeting convened at 10:30am.

INTRODUCTIONS

Margarita Perez:  Introduced herself and the other attendees.  Meeting minutes from April 20, 2009 were approved.  Narrated power point on the Purpose of State Council and Interstate Compact.

Mario Fox:  Probation banking cases.  New type of supervision is needed; no idea if offenders are being supervised.  San Diego County contact changed four times within 3-4 month period.  We then have to retrain new employees to ensure they are up to code with the Rules.

Wesley Forman:  The Probation training from by Mario Fox was appreciated; Probation Newsletter was very nice; received by the 58 counties.

Mario Fox:  The next Newsletter will include new rules that will affect the counties.

Mario Fox:  Discussed history of how some counties allowing offenders to leave California without Interstate transfers; could result in fines for California.

Anthony Williams:  What are the circumstances of offenders leaving states?

Mario Fox:  Counties never see misdemeanor cases; these offenders just leave the state.
Judge Ronald Coen: Probation learns about these cases only when the offenders fail to pay their fines.

Mario Fox: Probation sex offender allowed to go to Florida by the Court, California Interstate Compact contacted the Court and offender ordered returned.

Mario Fox: Probation Officer does not have to do the Transfer Request process unless Judge orders.

Frank Torres: As of 09/10, approximately 8600 cases processed by California Interstate Compact Unit in ICOTS. Parole: there are more cases in California than being supervised out of state. ICOTS allows you to see the Transfer Request process from start to finish. California has accepted 25 parole sex offenders. The offenders must meet Jessica’s Law; they cannot live within 2000 feet from any school or park. We supervise out of state offenders in the same manner we supervise our own offenders. NRP cases are non-violent offenders and they can leave state with going through the Interstate Compact process.

Mario Fox: NRP are like summary probation case; less than a year on parole; not subject to parole holds warrant.

Margarita Perez: New Rules require states to extradite offender; assure they are in custody; fiscal impact on state’s budget.

Frank Torres: Reports back to sending state, absconds in California arrested in other state, they have 30 days to report hearing 3 month to return. Our counterparts try to build a relationship for public safety.

Margarita Perez: New Rules are consistent.

Frank Torres: Robert Ambroselli was on the Rules Committee; Washington wanted to be on the committee, thus Robert stepped down. California still involved with Rules Committee; I am one of two Deputy Compact Administrators on the committee.

Margarita Perez: Revised 5.103 failed; receiving state may retake or order offender to return.

Frank Torres: Mandatory returns: three strikes and you are out; absconder; felony conviction. California needs additional personnel for follow up on Transfer Request, Notice of Arrivals, Notice of Departures, etc… Other states have staff dedicated to follow up on cases. California’s goal for next year is to be 80% in compliance. Educate field units; be specific on denials; etc…

Anthony Williams: Can we get a copy of the Compliance Audit?
Frank Torres: Compliance Audit looks at how California follows the Rules. Reports can be run in ICOTS to see what is overdue. Probation’s problem with ICOTS is there are 58 counties and we are constantly training because of turnover in staff.

Mario Fox: Increased training will include District Attorneys and Chief Probation Officers.

Judge Ronald Coen: Once DA’s have conviction they could care less, there needs to be training to educate Judges and the DA’s.

Wesley Forman: That would be beneficial. Include public defenders and encourage all Judicial staff to attend training.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55