State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision
Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.
Executive Conference Room

Agenda:

- Rule Proposals made by Georgia
- South Regional meeting held on 01/09/08
- Treatment in other states
- Financial Disclosure Statements
- New rules passed during the 2007 ICAOS Annual Business Meeting
- 2008 ICAOS Annual Business Meeting
- Council Member assistance
- Training
- Utilizing Teleconferences
- Open Discussion
- Future State Council Meeting

David Morrison introduced all members and guest in attendance:

- Walton Superior Judge John Ott – Judicial Representative – Member Council
- Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb – Victims Representative – Member of Council
- Kimberly Jones – Department of Corrections – Member of Council
- David Tibbits – Assistant Director of Parole Field Operations
- Joe Kuebler – Parole Deputy Compact Administrator

Rule Proposals submitted by Georgia – David Morrison discussed the rule proposals presented by Georgia at the ICAOS South Regional meeting held on 01/09/08:

1. Mandatory issuance of a warrant when an offender is arrested for a violent felony and probable cause is established during a hearing.
2. Mandatory issuance of reporting instructions for conditionally transferred offenders, provided the releasee is not a sex offender.

Joe Kuebler explained the mandatory warrant proposal and its importance to public safety.

David Morrison explained the reporting instructions proposal and its importance.

David advised both proposals were rejected, but will continue efforts to have them presented to the ICAOS Rules Committee.
Treatment in other states – David Morrison advised that an ad hoc committee has been created to discuss the need for a rule addressing mandatory acceptance of an offender, when residential treatment is available. David advised Georgia opposes this issue for the reasons listed below:

1. Most, if not all states have treatment within their own borders.
2. Many treatment facilities do not adhere to standards, guidelines, criteria, etc..
3. Treatment facilities are not secure and supervision is minimal.
4. Most residential programs mandate follow-up outpatient treatment, posing a problem concerning residency.
5. Some facilities are state funded.
6. Unfair burden on states that places emphasis on treatment.
7. Can be resolved on a case-by-case basis.

David Morrison advised Georgia will oppose this issue at the 2008 ICAOS Business Meeting.

Financial Disclosure Statements – David Morrison reminded everyone to complete the financial disclosure statement if they have not already done so. He also asked everyone to forward their mailing address and phone number to him via email at the direction of the State Ethics Commission. David advised if members are currently on another Council, he/she need not submit this document.

Significant Rules Passed during 07 Annual Business Meeting – David Morrison discussed the significant rules passed during the 2007 Annual Business Meeting:

- **Forms** – Two of the four forms were disposed of and the sending states will maintain the original signed forms.
- **Sex Offenders** – The term Sex Offender was defined. Sex Offenders shall not leave the sending state prior to receiving emergency reporting instructions or transfer approval. Also, the receiving state now has 5 days, as opposed to 2, to investigate reporting instructions.
- **Offenders in Another State on Reporting Instructions and Ordered to Return to Sending State** – Offenders must return within 15 days instead of 30 days.
- **Mandatory Retaking and Warrants** – Retaking must be within 10 days either via extradition or by instructing the offender to return. Warrants must have no geographical limitations.
- **Violation Reports** – Reports should be more detailed and police report, sentencing documents, etc., shall be provided if a new arrest has occurred. Details concerning absconding is also now required.
- **Probable Cause Hearings** – Should be conducted within 15 days as opposed to 30 days.

2008 ICAOS Annual Business Meeting – David Morrison advised that the next meeting is scheduled for 09/09/08 through 09/11/08 in Palm Beach, California. He advised all Council Members are invited to attend at his/her own expense.
Network Between State Council Members – David Morrison discussed Representative Cox assistance with removing the old Compact (PPCAA) from Georgia law.

Statewide Training Initiative – David Morrison advised training continues at Parole, Probation, and DOC Counselor basic courses. He also advised the Parole Manual has been revised. David mentioned Compact personnel’s willingness to train when given the opportunity.

Kimberly Jones indicated that she is personally training each probation district over the next year.

Judge Ott recommended David Morrison and Kimberly Jones be placed on the training calendar for Judges. They both expressed an interest and asked Judge Ott to contact them with more information.

Web-Ex Provided by ICAOS – David Morrison proposed utilizing this resource to hold one of the two State Council meetings each year. Judge Ott and Ms. Reynolds-Cobb both agreed to the web-ex teleconference. David suggested that the Council still meet once a year in person. David advised he would send an email, regarding the web-ex teleconference prior to the next Council meeting. Connection instructions will be included.

Open Discussion – Ms. Reynolds-Cobb requested information on the sex offender registry and how it plays into the transfer process with victim notifications. David Morrison advised the Parole Victim Services Unit will have time to contact the victim prior to the offender returning to the sending state. He also added that the registration procedure for out-of-state sex offenders is the same as for GA sex offenders. Kimberly Jones advised the same process is used for Probation.

Ms. Reynolds-Cobb advised the Victims’ Training Conference is held in May 2008.

Judge Ott explained how the current law concerning heresy testimony relating to probation revocation in Georgia causes problems. He suggested that a law by presented concerning this issue. David suggested that he and Representative Cox discuss this issue. David also asked Joe Kuebler to research the ICAOS website for information concerning heresy testimony.

Judge Ott proposed that the ICAOS rules be condensed into a 1 page handout, simplifying the large manual currently submitted to the Judges. Kimberly Jones agreed to begin working on this document.

Next Council Meeting – David Morrison proposed that the next State Council meeting be held on 09/04/08 via web-ex. All in attendance agreed.