State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision  
Meeting Minutes  
Executive Conference Room  
May 26, 2011  
10:00 am

**Outline of Meeting:**
- Welcome
- Introduction of members and guests
- Overview of the Compact and the State Council
- Elect a Compact Commissioner
- Schedule next State Council meeting
- Open discussion
- Adjourn

**Welcome** - David Morrison opened the meeting by introducing himself and welcoming everyone to the meeting. Mr. Morrison advised of his promotion to Assistant Director of Field Operations and introduced Jenna James as the new Compact Administrator for parole. Mrs. James began her new duties in the Interstate Compact Office in September 2010 and Mr. Morrison advised she has done a great job since taking the position.

**Introduction of members and guests** – Mr. Morrison provided the opportunity for all members to introduce themselves. Those in attendance were as follows:

- David Morrison – Board of Pardons & Paroles Representative
- Jenna James – Board of Pardons & Paroles Representative
- Joe Kuebler – Board of Pardons & Paroles Representative
- Kimberly Jones – Department of Corrections Representative
- Mark Morris – Department of Corrections Representative
- Judge John Ott – Judicial Branch Representative
- Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb – Victim Representative
- Misty Giles – Executive Branch Representative
- Michelle Zachary – Parole Interstate Compact Personnel

Representative Alan Powell was unable to attend the meeting due to a speaking engagement and sent his regrets.

**Election of Georgia’s Compact Commissioner** – Per the Executive Order, the Compact Commissioner must be a member of the Council representing either the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles or the Georgia Department of Corrections. DOC representative, Kimberly Jones deferred this position to parole and the Council voted, officially electing Jenna James as the new Compact Commissioner.
Overview of the Compact and the State Council – David Morrison discussed in detail the history of the Compact and the role of the State Council. He advised Governor Perdue signed an Executive Order to establish the Council as the point of contact for representing local issues on the national level and to relay those issues back to Georgia. Mr. Morrison thanked Judge Ott for all the help he has provided over the years.

ICOTS (Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System) – Mr. Morrison discussed the ICOTS national database which was implemented October 6, 2008. He explained how the system is used to transfer offenders from state to state and provided a map to show how the nation is separated by regions.

Mark Morris inquired about the complex issue of transferring cases. Mr. Morrison advised the complexity is with ICOTS and not the transfer process itself. Misty Giles inquired about how the system came to be and questioned why it didn’t piggy back off other nationwide systems currently being used which would make the ease of data entry easier for the Officer. Joe Kuebler provided more background information on how the system came to be and advised how changes to the system are currently being handled. Mr. Morrison advised the goal of parole is to have one Officer per office to handle ICOTS cases which would give them more experience on the system. Kimberly Jones advised that Probation currently has one officer per circuit assigned to handle ICOTS cases and inquired about having the officers attend joint training on ICOTS.

Compact Rules – Mr. Morrison discussed the compact rules and advised a list of the rules can be found on the national website at www.interstatecompact.org. He discussed in detail the sanctions for noncompliance and the benefits of being a member of the compact.

Jenna James discussed the recent rule changes which became effective March 1, 2011 as listed below:

- **Violent Offenders**
  - One significant violation (determined by the receiving state and changed from three to one)
  - Extradition to the sending state
- **Felony Conviction**
  - Issue nationwide warrant and file detainer (which is extraditable in all 50 states)
  - Upon completion of sentence or placement on supervision, extradite
- **Violations**
  - Three significant violation (determined by the receiving state)
  - Extradite
- **Warrants**
  - Must be extraditable within ALL member states of the compact
- **Absconders**
  - Upon arrest in receiving state and determination of probable cause, sending state must retake the offender.

An in-depth discussion was held to discuss the above rules changes & to help formulate a plan. Mr. Morrison noted his reasons for objecting to the rule changes at the National Business Meeting that was held in September 2010 as listed below:
• Cost of extradition
• Extradition budget being depleted
• Sheriffs not willing to extradite
• Issuance of nationwide warrants
• Offender may not have family in the sending state leaving the offender homeless after release.

Misty Giles advised she is curious to know how other states are handling these same issues and inquired about the cost of extradition. Joe Kuebler advised the extradition cost is different depending on where the offender is being extradited from and the condition of the offender, which can increase if the offender is female, sick or injured. He also advised parole handled about 50 to 60 extraditions last year.

Judge Ott advised he would like to see a study done to show the cost of extraditions and have the probationers to pay at least ½ of the fee upfront fee which would be applied toward his/her fine if not extradited. Misty Giles expressed concern over the offender not being able to pay. Mr. Morrison advised some of the offender’s families would be willing to cover the cost and indigent offenders would pay a reduced fee.

Jenna James provided a visual spreadsheet that highlighted extradition cost for parole from 2006 to 2010. The total dollar amount for extraditions over the four year period was approximately $452,000.00.

**Interstate Compact Fee** - David Morrison discussed proposing through Representative Alan Powell, who is the Legislative Branch Member, to have the interstate transfer fee increased from $25.00 to $250.00. He advised the fee could go into an account to be used for extradition purposes only. Mark Morris expressed concern about the amount collected in the fees for probation transfers and advised he would check with Consolidated Banking to make sure the money is being credited appropriately to the correct account.

Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb suggested that the Council focus on states with similar populations to determine what their fees are. Kimberly Jones would like to see comparison made with states that have increased fees over the years from $25.00 to a larger amount. Misty Giles expressed concerns about the money being collected, the tight budget and how to protect the funds.

The next State Council Meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2011 at 10:00am in the Parole Board’s Executive Conference room.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.