Minutes of July 10, 2002 Meeting

Present: Lisa Dunn, Max Otani, William Santos, and Ronald Hajime

Absent: Representative Nestor Garcia and Senator Brian Kanno

Meeting called to order at 1:42 p.m. by Mr. Hajime.

1. New Business

a. Ronald Hajime introduced William A. Santos, Deputy Chief Court Administrator, First Judicial Court, as a new member to the council. He replaced Clyde Namuo of the Judiciary.

b. Status of National Interstate Commission

As of June 19, 2002 thirty five (35) states signed legislation to enact the National Commission. This council will have the responsibility of representing the interest of Hawaii. Currently thirty eight (38) states have enacted the new Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.

The first meeting of the National Commission is scheduled for the week of November 18, 2002. In case Ronald Hajime cannot attend, the council will determine who would attend. William Santos was nominated and approved as the alternate.

The National Commission will have compact administrators of the member states and representatives from governors, legislators, Chief Justices, Attorney General and crime victims. The first requirement for the Commission is to have rules to govern the compact within the first year. Our state council will need to review the rules by November 2003. The State Council will also meet to establish Hawaii standards.

The Commission elects an Executive Committee consisting of members of the compact administrators who are empowered to oversee the day-to-day activities. Members will be voting for the Chair and Co-chair.

c. Commission Dues
The Legislature has given the Council $18,000 for the dues in the next fiscal period. We might anticipate a shortfall, as there are only 38 states that have enacted the legislation. One of the Council’s concerns would be to meet the dues that will be needed by the National Commission.

2. Additional Information

a. Ronald presented information on the following topics:

   Policies and Procedures and revising forms. Centralizing the monitoring and assignment of interstate cases.

   Facilitating movement of offenders qualified to move to other states. Using “What Works” approach to supervising offenders. Have offenders assessed and if they are high risk match services to needs.

   Appointment of Deputy Administrators: Ronald commented that the “old” statute allowed the governor to appoint Max Otani as the deputy compact administrator for Parole. The Council was asked for concurrence to keep Max as the Deputy Compact Administrator for Parole. It was motioned and accepted.

   The Council was next asked to approve a deputy for probation. No objection. Ron nominated Sidney Nakamoto, who currently handles the interstate matters, as Deputy. No objections were made.

3. Quorum of Council: It was recommended that a simple majority decide Council business. No objections were made.

The next meeting will be after the National Commission meeting. If any Council members feel there is a need to meet prior to that Commission meeting they should contact Ron. Next meeting is planned for 2003.

4. Other Matters

Dennis Dunn of the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney asked to discuss one issue: authorizing a State PO to sharing information to victims. Since this is an interstate organization, we could get information from other states on how they communicated. The victim’s concern is the movement of the offender. Lisa Dunn commented that the policies have to be well worked out from the beginning, as the victim does not call in to let PO know that they moved. If they are informed from the beginning about how the system works, victims can call the proper authority.

Meeting adjourned: 2:20 p.m.

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Cynthia Shimabuku, Recorder