MASSACHUSETTS INTERSTATE COMPACT
STATE COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2011, 11:30 am
Parole Board Central Office Training Room, Natick, MA

Present:
Josh Wall, Commissioner
Edward McDermott, Deputy Compact Administrator, Probation
Michael Leahy, Assistant Chief Probation Officer
Yvonne Roland, Interstate Compact Operations Coordinator, Probation
Darwin Bliss, Interstate Compact Supervisor, Parole
Caitlin Casey, Deputy Compact Administrator, Parole
Diane Coffey, Chief of Victim Services, Parole

1. Introductions
2. Power point presentation prepared by Darwin Bliss on state council.
3. Discussed:
   a. Mission Statement
   b. Meetings will be scheduled through email.
   c. Votes will be verbalized at meetings and recorded in the minutes.
   d. Discussed proposed rule changes to be voted on at annual business meeting 9-12-11. Agreed with all but one.
   e. DCA Ed McDermott will be representing Massachusetts at the annual business meeting and will be voting as Acting Commissioner, appointed by Commission Wall.
   f. Discussed possibility of attaching an application fee and/or GPS fee for sex offenders. Currently there is no fee required for probationers. May need to go through the legislature in order to change.
   g. Discussed the necessity for an Interstate Compact Warrant. Particularly for Probation, there is no authority to detain interstate offenders without a warrant from the sending state, which usually takes a longer time to process. Parole is in need of extending their 60-day detainer warrant, only on cases where the Parolee has a new court case, and the Sending State has issued a warrant. May need to go through the legislature in order to change.
   h. Discussed the upcoming appointment of a new East Regional Commissioner.
i. Discussed the inconsistencies relating to victim notification for interstate offenders.

j. Discussed appointing a member of legislature to join the council from possibly the judiciary committee, public safety, or the ways and means committee.

k. Next meeting will prospectively be set in October.

4. **Action Taken:**
   
   a. Formulated a Mission Statement (attached).
   
   b. Unanimously agreed on the direction our votes should take regarding the rules, to be voted on 9/12/11.

5. **Action to be taken:**
   
   a. Acting Commissioner will oppose the rule change to 3.101-3 at annual business meeting.
   
   b. Acting Commissioner will also address topics above discussed at the East Regional Meeting to get a consensus of how the rest of the region has addressed similar issues (particularly points 3-f, 3-g, and 3-i above).

Meeting adjourned at roughly 1:30 pm

Meeting minutes kept and prepared by Caitlin Casey