MASSACHUSETTS INTERSTATE COMPACT
STATE COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2011, 10:00am
Office of the Commissioner of Probation, Boston, MA

Present:
Edward McDermott, Deputy Compact Administrator, Probation
Caitlin Casey, Deputy Compact Administrator, Parole
Michael Leahy, Assistant Chief Probation Officer
Yvonne Roland, Interstate Compact Operations Coordinator, Probation
Darwin Bliss, Interstate Compact Supervisor, Parole

1. Introductions and Opening Remarks
2. Discussed:
   a. Discussed rule changes that resulted from the annual business meeting 9-12-11. Satisfied with the rule changes.
   b. Still exploring the 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.
   c. 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. Still having difficulty identifying the proper avenue in order to pursue this proposal.
   d. Discussed appointment of a new East Regional Commissioner from Maine. Satisfied with appointment.
   e. Discussed the need for confirmation of victim notification for interstate offenders.
   f. Discussed appointing a member of legislature to join the council from possibly the judiciary committee, public safety, or the ways and means committee.
   g. Discussed Parole Bill and Probation Reform Bill.
   h. Next meeting will prospectively be set in late January/February.

3. Action to be taken:
   a. Follow up with EOPSS to identify members of the legislature that may be able to assist in alleviating problems identified that need to be changed through the legislature. Parole needs to draft a proposal on the statues discussed.