State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision

Meeting Minutes — October 28, 2014

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Secretary’s Office – 6776 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Attendees:

Gregg Hershberger, Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Carroll Parrish, Deputy Secretary for Operations
Patricia Vale, Regional Executive Director and ICAOS Commissioner for Maryland
Susan Baron, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel to the Council
Melanie Brock, Deputy Compact Administrator
Eleanor McMullen, Special Assistant and Staff to State Council

Agenda Item I: Compliance Audit Dashboard

The main website for the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (http://www.interstatecompact.org/) contains a Compliance Audit Dashboard, which provides real-time state compliance reports for specific key Compact performance indicators. Compliance is established at the 80% threshold and higher.

At the time of this meeting, Maryland was compliant with all key performance indicators. Improvement was noted in particular with the timely submission of progress reports, offender violation responses, and case closure replies. Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA) Melanie Brock attributed the improved performance to a concerted effort by the Department’s regional field directors to create dedicated Compact caseloads in the larger Parole and Probation offices and dedicated Compact agents to staff cases in the smaller offices. DCA Brock provides monthly reports regarding these key performance indicators to the directors.

Agenda Item II: National Office Audit

The National Office of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision will audit Maryland’s Compact operations sometime within the first six months of 2015. The Department will share the results of that audit with the Council.

Agenda Item III: Retaking/Extradition of Compact Offenders

The Department continues to work with local jurisdictions for the return of Compact probationers who have violated the terms of their supervision while in a receiving state. Since the retaking/extradition of offenders is a personnel-intensive and costly undertaking, the Department has attempted to introduce legislation to authorize a Compact application fee of
$100 to off-set the costs associated with the extradition process. Legislation introduced in 2012 did not advance out of committee in the House of Delegates for the full consideration of the General Assembly. The committee chair expressed concern about offenders incurring an additional payment obligation as part of their community supervision.

Parole and Probation believes that the legislative proposal should be revisited given the increasing instances of mandatory retaking. The majority of states have instituted an application fee.

**Agenda Item IV: Probable Cause Hearings**

The Department will undertake efforts to educate the state’s District Court Commissioners and local detention center staff to postpone the consideration of pre-trial release of Compact Offenders until the Department has had the opportunity to conduct a probable cause hearing on behalf of the sending state. If probable cause of a supervision violation is found, the sending state has 30 days to enter Maryland and retake their offender.

**Agenda Item V: Discussion**

Regional Executive Director and Commissioner Patricia Vale stated that she would send a message of appreciation to the regional field directors of Parole and Probation to acknowledge their efforts to improve Compact operations. Secretary Hershberger expressed his thanks as well.

The meeting was concluded.