Mississippi State Council  
Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision  
Minutes  
September 14, 2010

Attendees:  
Commissioner Christopher Epps, Chairman  
Lora Cole, Deputy Commissioner  
Richie Spears, Compact Administrator  
Lee McTeer, Community Corrections, Director Region I  
Barbara Farley, Victims Advocate  
Willie March, Sheriff Holmes County

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting convened at 10:00 with Commissioner Epps welcoming everyone and introductions being made.

Purpose of Interstate Compact:

Commissioner Epps gave a brief history of the Compact. He explained how it works as well as the importance.

ICOTS Update:

Richie Spears provided an update on ICOTS. He provided information about the improvements that have been made since the October 6, 2008 implementation. Mississippi Officers have become more proficient with ICOTS with the passage of time. He discussed how ICOTS assists in managing offenders through the workflow and how it is more efficient as everything is submitted electronically. He also provided samples of reports generated by ICOTS which enable the Mississippi Compact office and supervisors to see areas that need attention. He also provided copies of statistical reports generated by ICOTS.

Proposed Rule Changes:

Richie Spears provided all attendees with copies of the proposed rule changes that will be voted on at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Each proposed rule change was discussed at length to determine how Mississippi will vote. The proposed rule changes concerning the violation and retaking process drew the most concern from the Council members.
Designee Nomination:

Commissioner Epps informed the Council that he would like for Deputy Commissioner Lora Cole represent him this year at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Council Member Willie March made a motion to this effect. Member Barbara Farley made a second. All were in favor and DC Cole will attend the ABM.

General Discussion:

The meeting was opened to general discussion where numerous topics were discussed which included the cost to house offenders while the Sending State is in the process of retaking. Warrants, violent crimes and compact rules were also discussed.

Commissioner Epps adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.