The Interstate Compact State Council convened at 1:00 p.m. on August 26, 2010 in the Department of Corrections conference room.

Members present:
Leann Bertsch, ND Commissioner
Judge Donald Jorgenson
Ms. Amy Vorachek

Members absent:
Representative Stacey Dahl
Mr. Wade Enget
Senator Stanley Lyson

Assistant Attorney General, Ken Sorenson and Compact Administrator, Charles Placek and Deputy Compact Administrator, Janice Young from the Department of Corrections were also in attendance.

1. Commissioner Bertsch introduced new council member, Judge Jorgenson. He replaced Judge Georgia Dawson who recently retired.

2. Commissioner Bertsch asked if there were any changes to the January 2010 minutes. Ms. Vorachek moved to approve minutes, Judge Jorgenson seconded.

3. Proposed interstate compact rule changes were distributed and reviewed. These will be voted on at the ICAOS (Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision) annual business meeting held in October.

4. Chuck provided an update on the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS). The public web portal at https://icotspwp.prep.appriss.com/PWP allows the public to search for information about offenders who have completed the transfer process to another state or are in another state with permission while the transfer of supervision is under consideration.

5. Janice announced that ICOTS will have its first compliance audit in March 2011. Approximately 100 random cases will be audited along with internal processes such as user agreements and offender application forms.

6. ICOTS reports were distributed and reviewed on interstate compact activity within ND. On July 31, there were 466 incoming cases from other states and 689 ND cases going out-of-state. Interstate compact cases make up about 25% of the total cases supervised in North Dakota.

7. Chuck reported that the Department of Corrections continues to monitor and address sentences from judicial districts ordered to serve their probation out-of-state. We also encountered a sentence from municipal court on an unsupervised
DUI offender that was compact eligible for interstate transfer. As a result, Chuck sent a letter to all judges at the direction of Chief Justice VandeWalle earlier this year explaining the criteria. He also presented to the State’s Attorney Association meeting in late July. Educating our stakeholders on interstate compact is a priority.

8. Roundtable – No reports.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting will be scheduled after the 2011 legislative session. DOCR staff will contact council members to coordinate a date and time.