March 13, 2014
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Department of Correctional Services
Emergency Command Training Center
Folsom & W. Prospecter Pl., Bldg. #1
(Lincoln Regional Center Campus)
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Agenda

2:00 pm  Call to Order/Roll Call
Cathy Gibson-Beltz, Adult Parole Administrator/Interstate Compact Commissioner

2:15 pm  Approval of the Meeting Minutes:  June 17, 2013

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm  ICAOS Committee Updates
- Executive Committee
- Compliance Committee
- DCA Liaison/Midwest Region
- Training Committee
- Victim Notification Working Group
- ABM (Annual Business Meeting) Planning Workgroup

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm  Old Business
- Implementation of ICOTS VINEWatch
- FY 2013 Annual Report (Distributed 10-22-2013)
- Training of Rules Amendments Effective 3-1-2014 to Parole/Probation and Other Impacted Criminal Justice Entities

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm  New Business
- Distribution of Revised Council Member Roster/Correction to Member Terms (Terms End 1-1-2015)
- Review of State Council By-Laws
  Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

4:00 pm  Adjourn

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Nebraska State Council  
Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision  

March 13, 2014  

Call to Order/Roll Call:  
The regular meeting of the Nebraska State Council Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) was called to order at 2:00pm by Commissioner, Cathy Gibson-Beltz. Per open meeting laws, the meeting notice had been published and posted, and the proceedings were recorded. Roll was called.  

Present:  
Cathy Gibson-Beltz, Kari Rumbaugh, Sally Reinhartd-Stewart, James Pearson, Jeffrey Davis, David Sankey, Mark Young, Judge Kenneth Vampola, Catherine Corbet (Guest), Tom Verplank (Guest), Abbie Christian (Guest), Katherine Vampola (Guest). The recorder was Julianne Kenkel.  

Not Present:  
Deb Minardi, Judge Faul Merritt Jr., Linda Krutz, Larry Wayne, Mark Christensen, JoAnna Briggs  

Approval of Minutes:  
The Minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Quorum was not established as two-thirds of the Council was not present. No items will be voted and no motions will be made for this meeting.  

ICAOS Committee Updates:  
   Executive Committee: Cathy Gibson-Beltz reported that the Midwest Region has a concern about the detainer rule when it is a Federal Detainer. An offender who is being transferred from the correctional facility system and then paroles to a federal detainer is often being released by federal agencies once the detainer is complete without having to abide by Interstate Compact rules. The rule has changed on a state-to-state detainer when an offender is released in another state and if they have a support system in the state where they served the detainer, the parolee may remain there while the parole plan is investigated. Federal agencies release parolees without notice to sending states. The Midwest Region has asked me to take this to the Executive Committee to discuss this oversight. It is not a rule and yet we would like to discuss options to get this fixed.  
   There was an update in the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS) to accommodate the new rules amendments.  
   Training has begun for all parole and probation staff in each of the 50 states, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico regarding the new rules amendments that passed.
Cathy also reported another Executive Committee meeting would be held the following week in Louisville, KY which she would be attending.

**Compliance Committee**: There is a compliance issue with the state of California the Committee has been addressing for the last couple of years for being non-compliant with the Interstate Compact.

**DCA Liaison/Midwest Region**: Kari Rumbaugh reported that there is a new mentoring program for new DCAs (Deputy Compact Administrators) that come on board.

**Training Committee**: Kari Rumbaugh reported that she attended the APPA (Adult Probation & Parole Association) Conference in Houston, TX where she presented on Adult and Juvenile Interstate Training. She has spoken to the training committee to change parts of the presentation each year and to emphasize new rules to change it up and not seem like a repeat session for those that attend the ICOTS breakout session annually.

**Victim Notification Working Group**: Sally Reinhardt-Stewart reported that the new Victim Notification System in ICOTS was going to go live on August 28, 2013; there was a delay and it was introduced in mid-December 2013. It was indicated discussion of the ICOTS Victim Notification System would be continued under New Business to give more specifics of this new benefit for victims.

**ABM (Annual Business Meeting) Planning Workgroup**: Sally Reinhardt-Stewart attended the meeting in Columbus, Ohio in February. The purpose of the workgroup was to explore alternatives for the format of the ABM for making recommendations to the Executive Committee. She shared the next meeting for that workgroup was scheduled for April 1, 2014.

**Old Business:**

**Implementation of ICOTS VINEWatch**: Tom Verplank reported how Nebraska Parole implemented ICOTS VINEWatch. He provided a handout for the Council members to see what the victims receive when they are notified by letter of this new enhanced benefit for them to be registered into ICOTS to get notified and different ways that the victim can be notified. Kari Rumbaugh reported that Probation is still implementing ICOTS VINEWatch. She discussed some concerns that the National level has identified for further discussion.

**FY 2013 Annual Report (Distributed 10/22/2013)**: Cathy Gibson-Beltz reported that the 2013 Annual Report was distributed and everyone should have received. Our governor and director also received a copy of this report and it is also on the ICAOS website.

**Training of Rules Amendments Effective 03/01/2014 to Parole/Probation and Other Impacted Criminal Justice Entities**: Leadership from the Parole and Probation Compact Offices conducted two webinars that all Parole and Probation Officers had to attend as mandatory training. If they were unable to attend one of the two webinars, they were given until the end of the month to watch the recorded session. There are several rule changes so it is imperative that this training be attended. Of special note, is that
mandatory retaking on an offender who was considered a violent offender is not an option any longer. The parolee will now have to have 3 significant violations before we can request a mandatory retake back to their original state unless another mandatory retaking rule would be applicable.

Kari Rumbaugh reported how we work with other outside agencies to train and inform them about these new rules. She attaches an administrative memo to the Supreme Court website which goes out to all of the Judges and County Attorneys. She is linked with the Sheriff Association where she adds articles to their newsletter/magazine. There is an upcoming County Judge meeting on April 17, 2014 which most County judges will be attending. We work closely to answer questions to judges, prosecutors, and jailors on a case-by-case basis as situations arise. Cathy Gibson-Beltz is requested to facilitate a conversation at times to ensure that Nebraska stays compliant with rules that other entities are not as familiar with.

Sally Reinhardt-Stewart reported that one of the new rules is that we have to include an offender’s prison discipline and mental health history in a transfer request. Tom Verplank spoke about how we have been able to implement that new requirement and it has been successful thus far.

**New Business:**

**New ICAOS Dashboard Compliance:** Cathy Gibson Beltz reported that there is a new dashboard that is available on the ICAOS website. Every state is expected to be 80% compliant on certain objectives like Case Closure Notices, Progress Reports, and Request for Reporting Instructions for example. This Dashboard is available for viewing at any time and pinpoints down to the specific Parole or Probation Officer how they are doing on being compliant with their timelines for these reports.

**Distribution of Revised Council Member Roster/Correction to Member Terms (Terms End 01/01/2015):** Sally Reinhardt-Stewart provided a handout of the Interstate Compact State Member Council Terms. The By-Laws were amended in 2009 which made the Term end for each Council Member on 01/01/2015. There was discussion to put on the agenda for the next meeting to vote to put a signature line on the by-laws and to change the wording to ‘the members are appointed and are the same as the length of the governor’

**Review of State Council By-Laws:** The Council Members reviewed the By-Laws.

**2014 Annual Business Meeting/Deputy Compact Administrator Training August 26-27, 2014:** Cathy Gibson-Beltz, Sally Reinhardt-Stewart and Kari Rumbaugh will be attending this training.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.

**Submitted by:** Julianne Kenkel, Secretary II, Adult Parole Administration