Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS)  
Nebraska  
Interstate Compact State Council Meeting

April 11, 2013  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location:  Department of Correctional Services  
Emergency Command Training Center  
Folsom & W. Prospector Pl., Bldg. #1  
(Lincoln Regional Center Campus)  
Lincoln, NE 68522  
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Agenda

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| 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: October 3, 2012                                   |
| 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm| Victim Information Updates  
- Update on Victims Brochures – How Distributed/Cost/Other Languages – Linda Krutz  
- Update on Link to V.I.N.E. on Nebraska Board of Parole’s Website – James Pearson  
- Update on Victim Notification Working Group – Sally Reinhardt-Stewart |
| 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm| Update on Draft Rules Amendments by Midwest Region  
- Request of Reporting Instructions for Offenders Released on a Parole Detainer  
- Cost of Retaking/Issuing Warrants  
- Misdemeanor Rules  
- Mandatory Transfer of Veterans to Veterans Hospitals |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm| ICAOS Committee Updates  
- Executive Committee  
- Compliance Committee  
- DCA Liaison/Midwest Region  
- Training Committee  
- Victim Notification Working Group (See Victim Information Updates) |
| 3:30 pm – 3:35 pm| Old Business  
- Training ICAOS at County Attorney Meeting (October 2012) |
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Nebraska State Council  
Interstate Compact for Adult Supervision  

April 11, 2013  

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 2:00 pm by Commissioner, Cathy Gibson-Beltz. Per opening meeting laws, the meeting notice had been published and posted, and proceedings were recorded. Roll was called.  

Present:  
Cathy Gibson-Beltz, Kari Rumbaugh, Sally Reinhardt-Stewart, James Pearson, Judge Paul Merritt Jr., Linda Krutz, Larry Wayne, Senator Mark R. Christensen, Catherine Corbet (Guest). The Recorder was Julianne Kenkel  

Not Present:  
Ellen Brokofsky, Jeffrey Davis, David Sankey, Mark Young, Judge Kenneth Vampola, Jo Anna Briggs  

Approval of Minutes:  
The Minutes of the October 3, 2012, meeting were approved as read after quorum was established.  

Victim Information Updates:  
Update on Victims Brochures  
Linda Krutz reported on the Victim’s Guide to the Nebraska Criminal Justice System, a brochure written in English and Spanish that is the responsibility of the Crime Commission. The brochure is still available to any agency that wants it and it is given regularly to county attorneys. When the county attorneys run out of this brochure, they request more. Linda also spoke with Mary Johnson to see who might be responsible for expanding the brochure into other languages. The position is that they do not have a budget for that and it is in written in two languages at present. Larry Wayne said that there are interpreter services in Corrections. Kari Rumbaugh said that the Probation Office has their own brochure that they pass out and there is information in it about VINE. Final thoughts were to check the accuracy of the brochure, continue to use what we have as a guide for people to know about VINE.  

Link to VINE on Board of Parole’s Website  
James Pearson gave a detailed example of how the Nebraska Board of Parole works to provide VINE information to victims. He distributed instructions on how to use the VINE link that is on the Nebraska Board of Parole website. He shared that only a few states are not involved in the program. He also shared there are some states that have VINE in only some counties. Anyone who wants to go to the VINE link can receive a lot of information just by entering the Offender last name, first name and DOB (Date of Birth) if available. It is a very simple and quick process for anyone who wants to get on the VINE link.
He then informed the group that the Parole Board does some additional things for the victim in addition to being able to get on VINE. The Parole Board informs the following agencies of offenders from their counties having Parole Board Hearings:

1) Sentencing Judge
2) County Attorney
3) Chief of Police
4) County Sheriff

They are also required to print/publish the hearing dates 5 days before they happen to provide an opportunity to express any opposition or support. The Board is a listening ear to anyone who comes before the Board with opposition to an inmate wanting to receive parole and they invite them to come back to hearings again and again.

Update on Victim Notification Working Group
Sally Reinhardt-Stewart reported the scope of victim notification enhancement through the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS) has been expanded to include parole and probation. Regardless if a state has contracted for VINE, they will have access to this function for victim notification purposes through ICOTS. Currently, scripts for messages that will go out for notifications are being worked on. There is an estimated August 2013 implementation.

Update on Draft Rules Amendments by Midwest Region:
Cathy Gibson-Beltz reported the Midwest Region initially drafted language for four rules proposals, however in the end, only voted that one be forwarded to the Rules Committee. These rules proposals are forwarded to the Rules Committee who then prepares them for the ICAOS Annual Business Meeting where every state’s commissioner will have an opportunity to vote on them.

Mandatory Transfer of Veterans to Veterans Hospitals
This seems to only be an issue in Indiana and Illinois. Those states have some criteria that veterans can only get services through their state. The Midwest Region decided not to forward this to the Rules Committee.

Misdemeanor Rules
Discussion was held on whether the details of a crime should be used in determining if an offender is violent or if only the crime for which convicted should be used when determining whether or not a misdemeanor is eligible for interstate transfer. The Midwest Region overall decided not to move this forward as a result of due process concerns.

Cost of Retaking and Issuing Warrants
This mandatory retaking law is difficult to comply with due to the cost of returning an offender to a sending state. There is not the money to return offenders. This is a problem throughout the country. This rule needs addressed but due to the number of issues that are involved, the Midwest Region is not prepared to come up with a detailed plan on how this could function properly. The Midwest Region overall decided they were not prepared to have a well enough plan to move forward with this issue.
Request of Reporting Instructions for Offenders Released on a Parole Detainer
Cathy Gibson-Beltz described that when a sending state verifies an offender has been paroled to a detainer in another state and is subsequently released on that detainer, the offender may want to stay in that state where their support or family is. She spoke about the ability to have Reporting Instructions for the offender to be released to the state of his support. The Midwest Region has put in a proposed rule amendment for Reporting Instructions in these cases. The Rules Committee has reviewed this proposal and has asked for some additional language to deal with sex offenders in this situation. The receiving state will still have the ability to accept or deny these cases, but it does not require the offender to return to the sending state while the receiving state is investigating the program. Once the Rules Committee posts all of the Rules proposals, the Nebraska State Council members will need to meet to decide how our Commissioner should vote on each rule amendment.

ICAOS Committee Updates:
The Executive Committee is discussing issues with violent offenders and mandatory return of these offenders. Many District Attorneys are only issuing in-state warrants instead of nationwide warrants as required by the mandatory retaking rules. It costs money to return these offenders.

The Compliance Committee reported that Kansas was recently found in default for not picking up a probation offender that transferred to another state due to the cost involved with bringing him back to Kansas. Instead of returning the offender, Kansas discharged the probation offender early. There have been a number of issues in California for which the Compliance Committee is currently dealing. Most of these problems arise from California's financial situation and the fact that they have no Corrections Director nor do they have an Interstate Compact Commissioner. A letter has been drafted to the Governor of California regarding these issues.

The DCA Liaison/Midwest Region Committee is proposing a mentoring program for new Deputy Compact Administrators (DCAs). Kari Rumbaugh is the chair of the Midwest DCAs. Although there is a more formal process for DCAs when they start which involves mini trainings, it is felt that mentoring could be very beneficial.

There is a new process in ICOTS for processing violations on interstate cases. The change in the ICOTS violation process will go live on May 22, 2013. The Training Committee will be providing training the end of April. Kari Rumbaugh and Sally Reinhardt-Stewart will do training for Parole and Probation Officers on this change.

Old Business:
Training at the October 2012 County Attorney’s meeting involved some specific training to county attorneys regarding misdemeanors. This training is normally done as a break out session however this time it was a main session so it helped to educate many more people and point out some time frames involved with the rules.

New Business:
The State of Nebraska is being audited by the Interstate Commission in April 2013. The Compliance Audit will review timeframes for meeting deadlines. As part of the audit, the
Commission requested copies of specific user agreements for those who work in ICOTS which Nebraska provided.

Next Meeting:
Rules amendments will be posted in May so we will **meet again on June 17, 2013 at 2:00 pm**. This meeting will be to see what rules amendments Nebraska will want to vote in favor of and those not in favor of. We must have a quorum for voting at the meeting.

Kari Rumbaugh shared a report from ICOTS of the number of people who are transferring in/out of Nebraska. The report appears very accurate. The state they come from the most is Iowa and other bordering states. This report can be generated anytime.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm. Motion by Kari Rumbaugh, seconded by Larry Wayne.

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