Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

New Jersey State Council Meeting

March 29, 2010

Agenda

I. Welcome
   Chairman Yolette C. Ross, Compact Administrator

II. Presentation
   Debra Alt, Captain, Deputy Compact Administrator for Parole

III. New Business
   a. Supervision Fees
   b. Community Supervision for Life – Mandatory Returns

IV. Proposed Items for next meeting

V. Schedule date for next meeting

VI. Adjourn
Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yolette C. Ross at 11:05 am. Chairman Ross welcomed the members to the annual meeting of the New Jersey State Council and thanked them for attending.

Presentation:

Captain Alt spoke about the purpose and role of the State Council and distributed the ICAOS State Council Orientation Guide and the NJ Statute 2A:168-29 regarding the State Council. She explained that each state is required to establish a State Council for overseeing its intrastate affairs dealing with the compact. State Councils can serve as an advocate for seeking resources, improving operations, resolving disputes and conducting training.

New Business:

The first issue that was discussed was the ICOTS latency problem. The Commission is addressing the problem specific to NJ.

The Council discussed the concept of collecting a transfer fee for offenders seeking transfer out of the State of New Jersey. Legislation in this area was recently enacted by North Carolina as a result of efforts by their State Council. Collections could be targeted toward technology, staff or training for the
Administrative Office of the Courts and State Parole Board. Although creating an additional obstacle for offenders is undesirable. The added administrative function of collecting money is also problematic. Mr. Pizaro agreed to follow up with DCA Gusz regarding his interest in pursuing legislation to implement a transfer fee.

The Council also discussed an ongoing problem of Community Supervision for Life (CSL) offenders residing out of state unsupervised. Some of these offenders have transferred and violated conditions resulting in a new criminal complaint. The State Parole Board is having a variety of problems with prosecutors who refuse to process the complaint or extradite. Until recently it was a financial issue, with prosecutor's offices unwilling to encumber the costs of transport. The SPB recently received funding to contract with the Marshal's or have parole officers conduct transports. Lately the obstacle has become Governor's Warrants. When the offender refuses extradition and/or the judge fails to recognize our presigned waiver of extradition, the prosecutor's office has to request a Governor's Warrant. Prosecutor's Offices are now refusing to process the request for a Governor's Warrant.

The Council discussed legislation to grandfather the CSL's into the new and more effective Parole Supervision for Life (PSL). In addition, the Council can be mobilized to inform and train prosecutors on this very important issue. The strength of the Council could be utilized to enforce the rules of the compact and mandatory retaking with the assistance of the Attorney General's office, as well.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.