Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision  
New Jersey State Council Meeting  
August 30, 2011  

Meeting Minutes

Present:  James Plousis, Chairman, Compact Administrator  
Debra Alt, Captain, Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA), Parole  
John Gusz, Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA), Probation  
Donna Sweeney-Elrose, Department of Corrections’ Designee  
Anthony Barber, Law Enforcement Representative, Trenton Police Department  
David Thomas, Executive Director, NJSPB  
Lawrence Gregorio, Deputy Executive Director, NJSPB  
Robin Stacy, Director, Legal Unit, NJSPB  
Julienne Sirico, Lieutenant, NJSPB Compact Office

Absent:  Diane Allen, Senator, 7th Legislative District  
Sandra Cunningham, Senator, 31st Legislative District  
Caroline Casagrande, Assemblywoman, 12th Legislative District  
L. Grace Spencer, Assemblywoman, 29th Legislative District

Vacant:  Crime Victim Organization Representative

Opening Remarks:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Plousis. Chairman Plousis welcomed the members to the meeting of the New Jersey State Council and thanked them for attending.

Presentation:

Executive Director Thomas spoke about the purpose and role of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) and the Office of Interstate Services (OIS).

DCA Gusz spoke about the significant challenges that probation continues to face in regard to the new rules for Mandatory Retaking. Prior to March 1, 2011 when the new rules came into effect, sending states could order offenders back to NJ after it was determined that they had violated the conditions of supervision in the receiving state. The new rules mandate the issuance of a warrant with no geographic limitations. DCA Gusz reported that Prosecutor's Offices and Sheriff's Departments are refusing to comply with the ICAOS, leaving probation violators unsupervised in the receiving state. In response to a question from the Chairman, DCA Alt said that the SPB faces similar obstacles with community supervision for life offenders.

DCA Gusz reported that Judge Grant, Acting Administrative Director, Administrative Office of the Courts would be issuing a directive to all Assignment Judges and Trial Court Administrators to gain compliance with the new rules.
Chairman Plousis indicated that new ICAOS rules could be promulgated to correct the situation of states refusing to retake offenders due to fiscal limitations.

Director Stacy indicated we could request the assistance of the Attorney General's Office to gain compliance from Prosecutor Offices and Sheriff Departments. It was agreed that we would invite a representative from the Attorney General's Office to the State Council meeting next year.

**New Business:**

DCA Gusz reported that fees for Interstate Transfer Applications and travel passes were included in recently proposed legislation regarding e-filing and electronic public access to the courts.

Chairman Plousis gave a brief overview of the NJSPB “Operation Veteran Re-Entry” designed to help veterans navigate the myriad of benefits that may be available to them. Pamphlets and posters were distributed.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned.