Ohio Council for Interstate Compact
Agenda
November 7, 2014
12:00 PM

Call to Order
(Sara Andrews, Commissioner)

Roll Call
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Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes
• April 15, 2014

New Member Orientation

Old Business
• Border Issues Committee Report
• Ohio Courts and Retaking
• Statewide Training
• 2014 Annual Business Meeting

New Business
• Personnel Changes
• National Audit
• Rule Change Recommendations
• VINEWatch

Member Updates

Adjourn
Members in Attendance

1. Sara Andrews  
   Commissioner, Deputy Director, DPCS
2. Michael Jackson  
   Parole Board, DPCS
3. Judge Alan Goldsberry (phone)  
   Athens County Court of Common Pleas
4. Senator William Seitz (video)  
   Ohio Senate
5. Morris J. Murray (video)  
   Prosecutor, Defiance County
6. Tom Stickrath  
   Superintendent, BCI

Members not in Attendance

1. Craig Berry  
   Lake County Chief Probation Officer
2. Judge Michael Russo  
   Judge, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court
3. Judge Yates (video)  
   Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court
4. Julie Doepke (video)  
   Supervisor/Victim Serv. Unit, Hamilton Co. Prob.

Guests

None

Staff

1. Suzanne Brooks  
   Deputy Compact Administrator, DPCS
2. Melissa Hunt  
   Compact Analyst, DPCS
3. Kristin Farrell-Logsdon  
   Compact Analyst, DPCS

Call to Order

Commissioner Sara Andrews called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Six of ten members were present.
**Agenda**

The agenda was approved upon motion by Michael Jackson and seconded by Tom Stickrath.

**Minutes**

Michael Jackson motioned for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting and Tom Stickrath seconded. The minutes were approved.

**New Member Orientation**

Sara introduced the new members of the council, Tom Stickrath and Craig Berry (not in attendance). Sara then provided an overview of the interstate compact and discussed reference material for the new members which focused on the website of the national commission, www.interstatecompact.org.

**Old Business**

Sara provided a final report on the Border Issues committee she was chairing. A copy of the report will be forwarded to members for review. Based on the group’s meeting, no rule changes would be recommended as the impact would be minimal.

Suzanne Brooks discussed some of the issues that are occurring with retaking offenders upon violation of their supervision. This was a topic at the 2014 ABM and was identified as a nationwide issue. While there is room to improve problems with retaking, it was discussed that we need to continue our training efforts.

Kristin Farrell-Logsdon gave an update on some the Interstate Compact Office’s training efforts including recent trips to Scioto and Licking Counties. Additionally, Interstate Compact staff will be training new Parole Officers in the upcoming months. Suzanne included that she and Sara will be presenting to the Ohio Criminal Defense Attorney Association in December on a variety of topics; one of which being Interstate Compact.

Sara provided a brief overview of the 2014 Annual Business Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Sara reviewed the workshops that were presented which included, “Legalization of Marijuana”, “Justice Reinvestment”, and “Supervision on Indian Reservations.” While discussing justice reinvestment, Sara also acknowledged that Ohio received a grant that will allow us to pilot swift and certain sanctions with 3 of our counties. Suzanne gave an overview of the Deputy Compact Administrator training that was provided on day one of the Annual Business Meeting, which included topics on retaking, sex offender supervision, and identifying significant violations. Kristin provided some additional information regarding a recent webinar that she attended regarding violation behavior and identifying significant violations.
**New Business**

Suzanne introduced herself as the new Deputy Compact Administrator after having been promoted in July 2014. In addition, Suzanne explained her role in supervising the Justice Reinvestment Officers.

Suzanne provided information regarding the National Audit. Ohio has received their notification that their audit will take place in December. The Interstate Compact office has been diligently reviewing overdue reports and inactive users in the ICOTS system. Weekly reports are being run to notify those who are not in compliance.

Melissa Hunt discussed rule change recommendations as rules will be reviewed at the 2015 Annual Business Meeting. In reviewing some other proposals, Melissa found that discussions are being held regarding civil unions and how that relates to the definition of family and the legalization of marijuana.

Suzanne discussed the implementation of VINEWatch and how Ohio may be able to utilize the system. A brief overview was given as to how it would affect interstate compact cases and what notifications their victims would be given, which would mainly be driven by the ICOTS system. There is some debate as to whether or not victims may be able to register themselves in the future. Further discussions will be held with the Office of Victim Services and the National Office.

During open agenda, Judge Goldsberry advised that he would be retiring at the beginning of January 2015 and would no longer be able to serve on the State Council.

Tom Stickrath motioned for adjournment and Senator Seitz seconded.

Adjourn 12:55