The Annual meeting of the Rhode Island State Council of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision was held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 in the Conference Room at the McGrath Judicial Complex, 4800 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI.

The Members of the Council are as follows:

Judge Gale – Present
A.T. Wall – Present
Richard DelFino – Present
Kevin Dunphy – Present
Margaret Langhammer – Present
Patricia Coyne-Fague - Present

Also present were:

Beth Mactaz – Present
Colin Geiselman – Present
Stephanie Harris – Attorney General’s Office
Anna Perry-Pinto – Attorney General’s Office

Meeting of the Rhode Island State Council of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) was called to order by A.T. Wall, Chair, at 1 p.m. All present were welcomed by Judge Gale.

Opening remarks were given by A.T. Wall who then gave a brief history of the Interstate Compact for the new members of the Council.

Kevin Dunphy, Deputy Compact Administrator, gave an overview of the new Compact along with the Rules. The rules are available on the National Commission website – www.interstatecompact.org.

On-going training for the Judiciary, Attorney General’s Office and the Public Defender’s Office was discussed. Kevin Dunphy will be present at the Judges meeting sometime after the first of the year. It is very important that all involved in the Court process be aware of the ICAOS rules to ensure adherence.

Retaking issue was discussed. Violations that result in an extraditable warrant being issued are trying due to the cost of retaking. The possibility of setting up an escrow account for transfer cases whereby offenders would be required to pay monies upfront to offset the cost of retaking was discussed. All agreed now was not the time to look into this due to budget restraints.

Allowing offender’s to enter treatment facilities out of state was discussed. ICAOS does not have a “rule” for this type of transfer. Every effort should be made to utilize in-state treatment facilities before going out of state. If that is not possible, the Interstate Compact Office should be contacted before the offender is allowed to leave Rhode Island.

Kevin Dunphy attended the Annual Conference for ICAOS which was held in Reno, NV, 11/2 through 11/5/09. He presented the Council with the 2008 Annual Report. He reported that the conference was very informative.
Kevin Dunphy discussed the new electronic, paperless system, Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS), which was implemented in October, 2008. All states are required to use this system for the transfer of all offenders. It is a work in progress.

Victim issues were discussed. Margaret Langhammer stated that Rhode Island does not have one, central victim agency. Kevin Dunphy and Margaret Langhammer will be meeting to come up with a plan which will streamline obtaining the necessary victim information needed for an Interstate Transfer.

All members of the Council were encouraged to contact the Rhode Island Interstate Compact Office with any questions and concerns.

Judge Gale thanked everyone for traveling to Wakefield.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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