Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision
South Carolina State Council
June 13, 2011
10:00 AM

Minutes

Attendance:  Kela E. Thomas, Victoria Jakes, Margarett Parrish, Trevor Brown for Sheriff Dennis, Shelton Hughes, Jeanette McBride and Representative Mia Butler Garrick

Absent:  Senator Mike Fair, Chief Patty Patterson and David Pascoe.

Invited Guests: Scott Norton and Christopher Harris.

Commissioner Kela E. Thomas welcomed and had each member to introduce themselves. She then provided an overview of the Department to include the Department’s mission statement, offender population and information regarding the field staff and offices. Statistical information pertaining to SCDPPPS was passed out to each member.

Since this was the first Council meeting for some members, it was primarily an education meeting. Victoria Jakes provided a brief presentation on the history of the Compact and how and why the new Compact came to be (copy of presentation slides provided in member notebook). The role of the State Council and how it can benefit the Department was also discussed. The role of the Council Members include the following:

• Become familiar with the compact and its purpose;
• Become educated on your state’s Compact process;
• Become familiar with how your state appoints the Compact Administrator;
• Become familiar with the authority vested in the Interstate Commission;
• Become familiar with the process if the Compact Administrator cannot attend a Commission meeting;
• Assist in determining if Compact office has adequate staff for the operation of the Compact;
• Become familiar with rules of the Commission and discuss any desired additions;
• Assist Compact Administrator in developing a network within your state to assist with the Compact process;
• Discuss the addition of other members that may lend assistance to the Compact process.

Representative Mia Butler Garrick stated Federal Regulations were passed on Interstate Compact Legislation which trickled down to State level. It was a collaborative effort led by Senator Glenn McConnell.

The Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision completed a national audit of every compact office in the nation. South Carolina placed near the top, above nearly every state audited, and came in as #3 in the nation! Interstate Compact matters are challenging, built on strict rule guidelines. The hard work and dedication of our field staff and Interstate Compact Services Section has proven South Carolina is at the forefront of compliance.

Questions:

• Can both states be responsible for offender? No, the supervision state will take responsibility.
• How do you bring to jail and keep? A probable cause hearing has to be held and the hearing officer will send findings with 10 days to make a decision. Jail must hold 30 days for pick up.
• How do crime victims know when someone has violated and returns? Is there training offered? All cases are supervised in our Central Office Interstate Office. If we have a victim listed we send letter and the victim has 10 days to respond. We will be glad to offer any training needed.
• Is it difficult to find victim information? No, if we don’t have the information we have to find it.
• Is there a collaborative effort with SOVA? Yes, if money is involved it is returned to SOVA after so many years and returned to the General Fund.

Vicky Jakes introduced the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision website. The address is www.interstatecompact.org

Each member received a copy of the Interstate Compact Rules. These rules are voted on every two years. The Commissioner brings all rule change recommendations to the Compact Office. Commissioner Thomas asked that each member review the rules and offer any feedback they may have.

Upcoming events include the Annual Business meeting September 12-14, 2011 in Montgomery Alabama.

The Council received the Orientation Guide if there are any questions call for any questions or feedback.

The Council received a copy of the State of South Carolina profile.

The Council agreed to meet once or twice a year.
Scott Norton stated if anyone is interested in Interstate Compact Training we will be glad to offer education.

**Question:**

Is there anything in place for victims to be advocates for other victims? Laura Hudson stated there is a mentoring program in place. Not all victims make good advocates. However, a lot of victims like to assist other victims as part of their healing.

Commissioner Thomas thanked everyone for their time and willingness to serve on the Interstate Compact for Adult Offenders State Council. If we can be of any assistance don’t hesitate to contact us.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.