Welcome

Kela Thomas, Commissioner

Introduction of New and Standing Members

Commissioner Thomas

Review of State Council Purpose/Importance

Commissioner Thomas

Review of the ICAOS

Victoria Jakes, Compact Administrator

ICAOS Annual Business Meeting, Boston

Commissioner Thomas

ICAOS Rule Amendments: March 01, 2014

Victoria Jakes

2014-2015 Compliance Audit

Chris Harris, Deputy Compact Administrator

ICOTS and VINEWatch

Victoria Jakes

Questions/Discussion

Commissioner Thomas

Next Meeting Dates

Commissioner Thomas

Adjourn
Meeting began: 10:20 a.m.

**Members present:**
Commissioner Kela Thomas, SC Dept. Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (Executive)
Margarette Parrish, Regional Director (Law Enforcement)
Cliff Howle, Assistant Deputy Director of Field Operations (Law Enforcement)
Victoria Jakes, Interstate Compact Administrator
Christopher Harris, Deputy Compact Administrator
Senator Greg Hembree, District 28 (Legislative)
Jeanette McBride, Richland County Clerk of Court (Judicial)
Guest: Allison Avinger, SC Dept. Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, Assistant Deputy Compact Administrator

**Members absent:**
Mia McLeod, SC House of Representatives (Legislative)
Laura Hudson, Executive Director SC Crime Victims’ Council (Victims)
Scott Norton, Deputy Director of Field Operations (Law Enforcement)
Sheriff Anthony Dennis, Sumter County Sheriff’s Department (Law Enforcement)
David Pasco, Solicitor, First Judicial Circuit (Judicial)
Patty Patterson, Sumter County Law Enforcement Retiree
Shelton Hughes, Clarendon County Detention Center Jail Administrator (Law Enforcement)

**Welcome and Overview**
Commissioner Thomas welcomed the State Council Members, introductions were made and Director Thomas gave welcoming remarks to the newest member, Senator Greg Hembree.

Commissioner Thomas brought to the attention the updated members contact listing, she emphasized the importance of the Interstate Commission and its purpose and the importance and purpose of the State Council.
Matters Discussed

Commissioner Thomas mentioned VINEWatch, the ICOTS victim notification system and Victoria Jakes remarked on the Peyton Tuthill story and how her murder case changed the history of the compact. Director Thomas also mentioned how Pat Tuthill, Peyton’s mother, worked tirelessly to see VINEWatch come to life.

Commissioner Thomas spoke to the group of the success of the 2013 ICAOS Annual Business Meeting held in Boston in August, 2013.

Victoria Jakes went over the rule amendments approved at the Annual Business Meeting in August, 2013. She explained that voting on amendments takes place every other year. She reviewed the definitions, mandatory acceptance for veterans who transfer to another state for medical or mental health treatment, she reviewed the mental health/disciplinary requirement for offenders who have been institutionalized for the last 2 years, reviewed the mandatory retaking rules, pending felony crimes and significant violations.

Victoria Jakes mentioned that approximately $135,000 has been spent since March, 2011 to date for mandatory retaking costs.

Victoria Jakes reviewed the fact sheet for fiscal year 2013.

Senator Humbree had questions regarding the numbers of transfers into South Carolina and the number of transfers out of South Carolina.

Commissioner Thomas reviewed the number of transfers on the fact sheet with the group.

Christopher Harris reviewed the 2014-2015 ICAOS Compliance Audit requirements, reviewed the purpose of the annual audit, what will be measured, and discussed ICOTS being the national database for all interstate compact transfer applications.

Jeanette McBride asked how the information is gathered by the national office to measure state compliance and it was explained the national office pulls the information/numbers from ICOTS to make the compliance assessment.

Commissioner Thomas interjected her confidence that South Carolina’s compliance will measure well.

Senator Humbree had a few questions regarding misdemeanors and what constitutes a misdemeanor offender to be transferred. Victoria Jakes reviewed the ICAOS misdemeanor rule main points and reviewed our Department’s Misdemeanor Out of State program.

Victoria Jakes discussed ICOTS and the VINEWatch process with members. She mentioned how VINEWatch can provide a measure of safety and confidence to victims when the offender transfers out of state.

Senator Humbree had questions regarding victim notification and victim services statewide. Commissioner Thomas advised the Departments Victim Services area is in the process of being moved and services extended to better serve crime victims.
Commissioner Thomas mentioned the Victim Advocate Conference to be held in September, 2014.

Clift Howle spoke about the Columbia Center, re-entry and the recent Job Fair that took place last week. He and Commissioner Thomas informed the group of the success of the Job Fair, that more than 800 people attended the event and 21 employers participated.

Director Thomas mentioned media coverage and the radio announcements about the Job Fair.

Clift Howle mentioned another Job Fair is targeted for the Spartanburg Center for the fall, 2014.

Commissioner Thomas called for further questions and comments and none were asked or given. She thanked the members for attending and she advised she will send information to the members who were not present.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.