STATE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
INTERSTATE CORRECTIONS COMPACT
March 25, 2009
Noon to 1:00 PM (CST)
TELECONFERENCE
(605-605-773-2303 – then 5412)

The state council is made up of the following:

Chairman Tim Tucker, Judge, Third Circuit Court
Tim Reisch, Secretary of Corrections
Brian Zeeb, Division of Criminal Investigation
Representative Joni Cutler
Krista Heeren-Graber, Victims Advocate
Ed Ligtenberg, Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles
Nancy Allard, Director of Trial Court Services.

Meeting Agenda

1. Review / Approve October 2008 minutes
2. February 11, 2009 Midwest Region Meeting update
3. Annual Business Meeting – November 2-5, 2009
4. ICOTS Enhancement - Bifurcated States
5. ICOTS update
6. Review of Transfer Numbers
7. New Business
8. General Discussion
INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION
STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2009
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (CST)
TELECONFERENCE

PRESENT: Chairman Tim Tucker, Circuit Judge, Third Circuit Court; Brian Zeeb, Division of Criminal Investigation; Ed Ligtenberg, Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles; Nancy Allard, Director of Trial Court Services.

ABSENT: Tim Reisch, Secretary of Corrections; Joni Cutler, State House Representative; Krista Heeren-Graber, Victims Advocate.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ryan Thornell, Corrections Specialist; Cheryl Frost, Interstate Compact Coordinator for Probation (Recorder)

Chairman Judge Tucker called the meeting to order.

REVIEW/APPROVE MAY 2008 MINUTES

Motion was made by Nancy to approve the October 2008 minutes with no corrections or additions. Motion was seconded by Ed.

MIDWEST REGION MEETING UPDATE

Ed advised there is nothing new to report, there are no major issues to be discussed on the agenda except for ICOTS.

ICOTS ENHANCEMENT – BIFURCATED STATES

Ed advised that New York had issues and had wanted assistance in financing the requested changes. Bifurcated states were not interested in paying for the enhancement. The issue has been resolved as New York will pay for any changes made.

ICOTS UPDATE

Nancy advised that since the implementation of ICOTS in October 2008, considering the magnitude of getting the program up and running on a national scale, the National ICOTS Office should be commended on a job well done. The Interstate Compact Office has daily contact with field personnel for assistance with ICOTS; they also provide training when receiving new information. The design of the ICOTS system is to enforce rules and compliance.

Brian asked if the Parole/Probation system is used daily. In response, Nancy advised it is on ongoing process working with the system, e-mail notifications are sent regarding information, the system is used by the Interstate Compact Office, Chief Court Services Officers and Court Services Officers.
REVIEW OF TRANSFER NUMBERS

Ed advised that the reports put out by ICOTS are not accurate at this time. The first priority of ICOTS was to download legacy data into the system, and now that that is complete, the next step is to ensure the reports are working properly and providing the necessary information.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Judge Tucker brought up discussion of the self assessment which was discussed at the October 2008, meeting. At that meeting it was decided to wait until ICOTS has been up and running and would be further discussed at the next committee meeting.

The consensus of the group was to keep this issue on the “to do” list as the benefit is noted, however everyone agrees that additional time to ensure ICOTS is running smoothly would be of benefit. Ed stated he would make sure this item would be put on the agenda for discussion at the Executive Business Meeting of ICAOS in November to see if other states have done the self assessment and others input on the process. This issue will continue to remain an agenda item.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl F. Frost, Interstate Compact Coordinator for Probation