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TO: Members of Tennessee Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision
    Board of Parole, Board Members
    All Staff, Department of Correction

FROM: Bobby Straughter, Assistant Commissioner

DATE: September 12, 2014

RE: Minutes of the September 11th, 2014 Meeting of the Tennessee Council for
    Interstate Adult Offender Supervision

The Tennessee Council For Interstate Adult Offender Supervision conducted a meeting on September 11, 2014 at 1:05 PM. Present were Council Members: Richard Muckle, Special Assistant to the Commissioner for TDOC Commissioner Derrick Schofield, Kathleen Starnes, representative for victims, David Liner, Executive Director of Board of Parole for Parole Chairman Montgomery, Stephen Young, Representing criminal defense attorneys, and Assistant Commissioner Bobby Straughter. Also in attendance were TDOC Counsel Mandy Lewis, and Deputy Compact Administrator Deborah Duke.

Minutes
The meeting Agenda and the minutes from the June 12th, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

ICAOS Annual Business Meeting Recap
Bobby Straughter provided a recap of the commissioner training and news of the south region including best practices, budget challenges, and closure of facilities in some states.
Chairwoman Starnes asked about caseload makeup and the number of Tennessee officers (770+) to supervise 80,000+ offenders. Although some officers have dual caseloads consisting of probationers and parolees, there are some officers that have separate caseloads of only parolees or only probationers.

ICAOS Training Institute Recap
Deborah Duke provided a recap of the training issues, in particular the lack of cooperation from local jurisdictions in retaking offenders who have received new felony charges or who receive significant violations of supervision. The Council was asked for suggestions on how to educate the jail administrators and courts and it was determined this could be accomplished on a case by case basis with the field officers who already have a relationship with the court.

Old Business/New Business
The Council was updated on the status of states that have medical marijuana and/or legalized/decriminalized marijuana. Mandy Lewis suggested Tennessee follow suit and add a provision in the medical marijuana bill that stipulates no use for offenders under supervision.
This past fiscal year, the interstate compact application fee generated $73,866.17 in revenue. Supervision fees assist in paying for 93 officer positions and equipment. Mr. Young asked for some numbers in regard to extraditions per county and the dollar value associated with these to determine if fees could cover the cost. Ms. Duke will be working on this research.
Chairwoman Starnes proposed increasing the monthly supervision fee from $15 to $50. This is a legislative issue and would have to be proposed next session if the council agreed to it. Discussion disclosed there is already low compliance on fee payments, most offenders are below the poverty line and so are already on a sliding scale or indigent. Any increase in fees must correlate to public safety. Tennessee does not violate for non-payment of fees. No one in attendance could recall the last time the
fees were revisited to discern what would be an appropriate fee. Mr. Straughter and Ms. Duke will be looking at the fee structure and report back to the Council.
Council member Judge Michael Jones retired on August 31st and a new judicial representative to the council will be appointed by the Chief Justice.
Chairwoman Starnes had some questions concerning the task force for Recidivism and Sentencing and Mr. Liner was able to provide some information.

Meeting adjourned 2:25pm

Minutes Approved by:

[Signature]
Kathleen Starnes, Chair

[Date]
12-11-2014

Date