May 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:    William Rankin
                    Susan Crawford
                    Rep. Tamara Grigsby

Members Absent:    Hon. Gregory J. Potter

Guest:            Mary Keyes, Deputy Compact Administrator

Meeting was called to order at 10:57 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the May 8, 2009 meeting were adopted without change.

Election of Officers:

The board elected officers for 2010, as required by s.15.07 (2), Wis. Stats.. The board reelected William Rankin as chairperson and secretary, and the Hon. Gregory J. Potter as vice chairperson.

Compact Administrator’s Report:

Mr. Rankin reviewed the status of board memberships since the last meeting. William Rankin and the Hon. Gregory J. Potter have been reappointed to the board, with terms expiring May 1, 2013. Susan Crawford has replaced Chandra Miller Fienen as the Governor’s Representative, to serve the balance of the term ending May 1, 2011. Victims Groups’ Representative Anna Gustafson has resigned from the board upon her retirement. Ms. Gustafson’s seat on the board remains vacant. A nomination has been submitted to the Governor’s office.

Currently, there are 3,112 Wisconsin offenders under supervision in other states. Wisconsin is supervising 1,408 offenders from other states. Deputy Compact Administrator Mary Keyes has done a good job working with and resolving issues with other states.

An update was provided on the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS) which was deployed in October, 2008. Wisconsin has approximately 1,800 registered users with access to ICOTS. A Public Web Portal is available for the public to search and find any offender currently under interstate supervision nationwide. Rep. Grigsby inquired about how the public is informed that the portal exists. Mr. Rankin said information is posted on the ICAOS website, but he will follow up with the ICAOS national office about any other mechanisms that may be planned.

Wisconsin participated in a pilot test of a proposed ICOTS compliance audit protocol. The ICAOS national office intends to begin annual audits of each state’s compact activities per compact rules and within timeframes. Wisconsin has provided feedback to the national office about the process with some recommendations for modifications.
Mr. Rankin was appointed to an ad hoc Committee on Violations and Retaking, charged to review whether existing ICAOS rules “provide adequate authority and sufficient clarity, in regard to procedures for responding to violations and retaking of offenders, to ensure public safety, provide due process to offenders and balance the legitimate interests of the sending and receiving states.” The ad hoc committee will present its report and recommendations for a number of proposed rules to the Executive Committee on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. Mr. Rankin discussed the recommendations and proposals with the board.

**Thomas D. Stanton vs. Alfonso Graham et al**

This case has been dismissed.

**Other Business.**

Mr. Rankin discussed a case of an offender from Utah, who had been placed on “private” probation by a Utah court, and who was in Wisconsin without this state’s knowledge or permission. The private supervising agency had informed the offender that, since it was not a government agency, it was exempt from the provisions of the compact. The compact offices were able to work with the court to bring the case into compliance with the interstate compact.

Mr. Rankin noted that the penalty provisions of Wisconsin’s DUI laws will change July 1, 2010. Under the new penalty provisions, a person convicted of Driving Under the Influence, as a second or third offense, will be eligible to be placed on probation. The Department of Corrections expects a significant increase in new probation cases as a result of these changes. It is likely that this will also lead to an increase in the number of cases requesting transfers under the interstate compact.

There being no other business, Susan Crawford moved to adjourn. Motion unanimously confirmed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51am

**Next meeting: Friday, November 12, 2010**

Minutes taken by Mary Keyes.