



Maryland Interstate Compact State Council Meeting 2023

Date: December 13, 2023			Meeting Time: 3:00 p.m.			Meeting Location: Google Meet		
Meeting called by:			Maryland Interstate Compact – LaShonda Lee-Campbell, Deputy Compact Administrator					
Attendees			The Honorable Judge Maria Oesterreicher Susan Baron, Assistant Attorney General Martha Danner, Director of DPP & Commissioner for MD Interstate Compact LaShonda Lee-Campbell, Deputy Compact Administrator Karen Darby, Director of Victim Services					
LaShonda Lee-Campbell, Deputy Compact Administration								
Annual Business Meeting:			Welcome to Judge Oesterreicher and Director Darby. The Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS) is used to follow supervised individuals that are transferred to and from the state of Maryland. There is new language within agency. We no longer use the word “offender” but we will now use “supervised individual.” A notice has been sent out to all staff regarding this and when it took effect, which was in November.					
Audits:			Our compliance statistics and been great and we have been averaging in the higher 90 percentiles for several years. We are above the national average. Since Maryland did so well, we were not audited this year. The audit for 2024 has been announced and is expected to be based on Progress Reports. We do not anticipate any issues because we work continuously on Progress Reports. The compact staff has been trained and we do this on an ongoing basis.					
Challenges:			The challenges that we are facing, as a state, are still regarding warrants and extradition. Notices have been sent to the Sherriff's offices regarding entering warrants into NCIC timely. This is not really a challenge but more of an obstacle because warrants have to be entered into NCIC within 30 days. The main challenge seems to be with the State's Attorney office regarding the extradition. Some State's Attorneys have expressed that due to budget matters, they are unable to execute some of the extraditions. In most counties, when we receive a notice that the State's Attorney has denied an extradition, a call is placed to remind them that we will be liable. In general, we try to encourage State's Attorneys to execute the extradition.					



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	<p>Maryland has an alternative plan in place, that is used limitedly, which is the Warrant Apprehension Task Force. They will execute the warrant, if absolutely necessary.</p> <p>A recommendation was suggested to the State's Attorney's office to request an increase in their budget.</p>
Victim Services:	<p>The victim services office is receiving calls regarding unpaid restitution when a supervised individual moves out of the state. A reminder will be sent to the Regional Administrators to have Agents continue to monitor restitution when a case is transferred to another state.</p>
Judge Compliance	<p>When there is a Judge that is non-compliant with the compact, Judge Oesterreicher will intervene. For example, if there is a warrant that needs to be issued but the Judge is refusing or Judge's allowing supervised individual to go to another state.</p>
Dues:	<p>The Fiscal Year 2025 Dues have been published and we are expected to pay \$31,739.21. Based on the amount of cases, we have accepted 3,116 cases and we have transferred 1,731 cases from Maryland to other states. The dues are paid out of the department's budget.</p>
Director Danner:	<p>Kudos to LaShonda Lee-Campbell and her team. She does an outstanding job with sending out the regular report, refresher trainings and communication, notifying the court and Judges and follow-up with the Agents. Our success is because she is always paying attention and being pro-active about it.</p>
Q & A	
Does the supervising Agent in the other state direct the supervisee to pay restitution?	<p>Yes, but they cannot enforce it or submit violation reports based on that. If restitution is unpaid within four months of the case closure, the Maryland Agent will submit the payment violation report. Compact Action Requests (CAR) are sent to the receiving state requesting that they remind the supervised individual to make payments.</p>
Have you ever participated in any of the 5th Judicial meetings or the Annual Judicial Conference to educate the Judges about ICOTS and if not are you willing to?	<p>I have not but yes, I am willing and open to participate.</p>

Secretary Carolyn J. Scruggs, Chairman