

IOWA INTERSTATE COMPACT STATE COUNCIL MINUTES April 12th, 2021

The Iowa Interstate Compact State Council met via zoom on April 12th 2021.

Members present:

- Todd Nuccio, State Court Administrator
- Nate Ristow, Governor's Office
- Sally Kreamer, Adult Compact Commissioner
- Michael Rempe, Juvenile Compact Commissioner
- Wendy Sheetz, Juvenile Compact
- Mary Roche, Victim Liason

Members absent:

- Representative Dustin Hite
- Senator Todd Taylor
- Senator Daniel Dawson
- Representative Joanne M Oldson

Guests:

- Heather Bell, Iowa DOC
- Simona Hammond, Iowa DOC
- Kelliane Torres, DCA Juvenile Compact

Commissioner Sally Kreamer provided an overview of the adult compact operations, emphasizing its critical role in ensuring public safety and effective supervision of offenders transferred under the compact. She explained the role of the state council, indicating each member state is required by statute to establish a State Council that oversees the operations of the compact and provides communications and support for the state's compact office.

Simona Hammond presented the FY2020 compliance dashboard, explaining that Iowa was in compliance and scored above the national average on all but two parameters. She stated there are currently 1445 out of state cases supervised in Iowa, while 1404 Iowa offenders are being supervised out of state.

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The number of cases handled by the compact office has increased significantly between 2013 and 2019. The 2020 pandemic led to a slight decrease in the number of cases handled by the compact office, due to most states suspending all transfers for several months. It is anticipated the number of cases will continue to increase as all states have now resumed compact activities.

Simona Hammond presented the 2021 rule proposals and explained the 2021 rule change timeline. The various rule proposals were discussed and there no concerns noted regarding the proposals.

DCA Kellianne Torres provided an overview of the juvenile compact operations, indicating the juvenile compact is very similar to the adult compact, handling juvenile justice children who are under supervision and also runaway children. She indicated that for FY2020 the Juvenile compact had 94 returns, 33 of which were Iowa youth returned to Iowa who were all voluntary returns. For the same time period, the juvenile compact had 17 parole and 60 probation youth coming to Iowa while 63 Iowa youth got transferred to other states. The Juvenile compact is in the process of transitioning to a new computer program/database that would allow the tracking of youth transferred under the Juvenile Compact.

DCA Torres indicated that 2021 is a rule making year for the Juvenile Compact, however the rule proposals would not be available for May 5th, 2021. The Juvenile Annual Business meeting will be held virtually in October at which time the members will vote on the rule proposals. She added that ICJ rules require the State Council to meet on an annual basis.

Commissioner Michael Rempe indicated there was an ad hoc committee on the juvenile and adult compact that met and looked at rule proposals to be discussed at the next national meeting. This ad hoc committee is looking at proposals pertaining to youth who are considered adults in one state but they are still considered juvenile in other states.

The members agreed that the state council would meet in September 2021 necessary to discuss the proposed rule changes for Juvenile Compact.

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