**Florida State Council for Interstate Adult**

**Offender Supervision Meeting Minutes**

**Virtual/GoToMeeting**

**April 28, 2021**

**1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Joe Winkler, Tommy Ford, Adrian Soud, Tashiba Robinson, Pat Tuthill, Frank LeDee

**Council Members Not in Attendance:**

Keith Perry

**Council Guests in Attendance:**

Mark Inch, Angella New, Tim Strickland, Chris Lane, Becky Choquette

**Opening Comments:** Joe Winkler called roll and began meeting at 1:31 pm

**Welcome and Introduction**, Joe Winkler

* Joe Winkler, Assistant Secretary of Community Corrections, Chairperson for Florida’s State Council of Interstate Adult Offender Supervision
* First state council meeting since October 2, 2014

**Secretary Mark Inch**, thanked the state council members and discussed looking forward to working with the council moving forward

**Overview of the ICAOS and State Council**, Joe Winkler

* ICAOS requires each state to establish a State Council for overseeing its intrastate affairs dealing with the Interstate Compact
* In Florida, State Council activities are outlined in Section 949.072 F.S. and Article IV of the Interstate Compact outlined in Chapter 949
* By statute, the Secretary or his designee is the chairperson, the Governor shall appoint the remaining members
* State Council consists of 7 members and will consist of at least one representative from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, victim groups
* Each member shall be appointed to a 4-year term of office, staggered terms of 3 members shall be appointed for 2 years each and 3 members shall be appointed for 4 years each
* The State Council shall meet at least twice a year, Mr. Winkler stated he would like to meet quarterly
* As council members,
  + Review the efficient or effectiveness of compact processes
  + Review annual reports and compliance dashboards
  + Develop and monitor legislative or policy positions within the state
  + Make recommendations for training of compact officers
  + May have to engage in dispute resolution
  + Raise the visibility of the compact among state leaders, non-governmental interest groups, and the public
* Tips for moving forward with a successful State Council,
  + Use all your resources
  + Communicate
  + Have clear expectations
  + Education/Training
  + Engage with other members and leaders often
  + Regularly evaluate the performance
  + Seek assistance when necessary
* As of April 21, 2021 – Florida is supervising 6,701 offenders that have transferred from another state and have 5,377 offenders who have transferred to another state

**Goals and Priorities**, Angella New

* Purpose of ICAOS, promote public safety, protect the rights of victims, effective supervision/rehabilitation, control movement of offenders, provide for effective tracking
* Preliminary activities for the council
  + Develop the Council’s
    - Mission Statement
    - Short- and long-term plans
    - Goals and objectives
  + Establish meeting procedures
    - Scheduling, notices, meeting minutes, voting procedures
* Stakeholders for the Interstate Compact Office include Parole Boards, Jail Administrators, Courts, Community Corrections, Other Executive Agencies
* ICAOS Resources – <https://www.interstatecompact.org>

**ICAOS Rules**, Tim Strickland

* Commission rules must be adopted in a manner that is substantially similar to the process of the Administrative Procedure Act
* Once adopted, the rules have the force and effect of statutory law and supersede any inconsistent state laws
* Majority of member state legislatures can reject an adopted rule
* Commission has authority to enforce the compact and its rules upon the states

**Florida Transfers Out of State and Transfers Received from Other States**, Tim Strickland

* Incoming Offenders – 6,701 (As of 04/21/2021)
* Outgoing Offenders – 5,377 (As of 04/21/2021)
* Transfer reasons for incoming and outgoing cases are resident family, resident, discretionary and other
* Transfer Decisions 2020
  + Incoming cases – 3,021 total cases accepted, 77.3% acceptance
  + Outgoing cases – 2,201 total cases accepted, 77.8% acceptance

**Florida’s Level of Compliance**, Chris Lane

* ICAOS provides many reports for various trackable actions completed within the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System, ICOTS
* Six areas of rule compliance area tacked and monitored on a monthly basis
  + Case closure notice
  + Case closure notice reply
  + Requested progress report
  + Request for reporting instructions reply
  + Transfer requests reply
  + Violation report response
* Florida regularly exceeds the nationwide average in compliance
  + Florida Case Closure Compliance – 99.39% (As of December 2020)
  + Nationwide Case Closure Compliance – 97.01% (As of December 2020)

**Interstate Compact Dues**, Angella New

* Article X of Section 949.07, F.S. and ICAOS Rule 2.103
* Determined by state population, volume of offender transfers
* Florida ranks 3rd in the nation - $44,696
* National Office – staff salary, operations, activities, ICOTS web page, Annual Business Meeting

**Closing Comments:**

* Frank LeDee areas of concern,
  + Movement of gang offenders
  + Offenders with mental health issues
* Joe Winkler asked everyone to check their calendars for an in-person meeting July 21, 2021 in Tallahassee, FL. This meeting would be used to further discuss a mission statement, training and application fees.
* Joe Winkler requested to know the number of states without application fees.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm