



State of Connecticut JUDICIAL BRANCH

COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION
ADULT PROBATION AND BAIL SERVICES
936 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision State Council Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2018

Present: Gary Roberge (IC Commissioner & CSSD Executive Director- Judicial); Natalie Latulippe (Deputy Compact Administrator & Chief Probation Officer II- Judicial CSSD); Tami Ford (Interstate Compact Coordinator- Judicial CSSD); Fred Watton (Deputy Compact Administrator & Deputy Director- BOPP); Rich Sparaco (Executive Director- BOPP); Joe Garibaldi (Parole Manager- BOPP); Jaclyn Osden (Counselor Supervisor IC Unit- DOC); Steve Strom (Assistant Attorney General- Office of Attorney General); Brian Austin (Executive Assistant State's Attorney- Office of Chief State's Attorney); Valina Carpenter (Deputy Director I- Office of Victim Services); Christine Rappillo (Chief Public Defender)

Minutes Taken by Sarah Puzzo (Intake Assistant- Judicial CSSD)

Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioner Roberge called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Introductions conducted for new member Christine Rappillo, Chief Public Defender.

1. Consideration of Agenda for July 31, 2018 State Council meeting:

DCA Watton moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Executive Assistant State's Attorney Austin. Motion passed.

2. Consideration of minutes from June 27, 2017 State Council Meeting:

Assistant Attorney General Strom moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by DCA Watton. Motion passed.

3. Commissioner/ Executive Committee/ Technology Committee/ East Region Meetings Update:

Executive Committee

Commissioner Roberge- The Executive Committee has placed an emphasis on training. Anne Precythe, Commissioner from Missouri, has done a great job making training materials available. There have been five ICOTS enhancement releases this year.

Technology Committee/ Victim Notification Process Update

Commissioner Roberge- CT has not reached the point of implementing VINEWatch/IVINS. CT continues to hold off on implementation as the system continues to produce inaccurate information during testing. CT's Victim Information System and current business practices should satisfy the Interstate Compact rule regarding victims.

A survey was submitted regarding the use of VINEWatch/IVINS and there are only three or four states actively using the system. It has become a time consuming and costly issue for the National Office. The Connecticut State Council members were unanimously in agreement with Commissioner Roberge that if a vote takes place regarding the continuation of VINEWatch/IVINS at the Annual Business Meeting, CT would vote to suspend the system.

Deputy Director Carpenter- CT would be launching an extensive update to VINE in August 2019. The enhanced VINE system will be used through an application on your phone and will allow victims to create their own profiles. A meeting with Commissioner Roberge and others from the State Council may be beneficial to discuss how far CT's system goes to make sure we are meeting all of the needs of the Interstate Compact rules.

East Region Meetings

The East Region elected DCA Latulippe to East Region DCA Chair. A topic that has been brought up is in regards to subpoenas for IC cases and how they become problematic. It is important to know that the information entered in ICOTS belongs to the state that entered the information and the other state's information should only be disseminated with proper permission. The data in ICOTS is dynamic, which allows for some historical information to be changed when entering new information. Assistant Attorney General Strom indicated that if we have a valid, detailed violation report, we are not obligated to honor another states subpoena.

IC training for prosecutors, public defenders and the new judges was mentioned. Executive Assistant State's Attorney Austin suggested an hour long training and Chief Public Defender Rapillo also indicated she is putting together the agenda for their supervisors meeting and the supervisors can bring the information back to their staff. It was suggested that in the meantime, the 'Interstate Compact and the Courts' document can be distributed.

4. 2017 Rule Amendments:

IC Coordinator Ford- A copy of the 2017 Approved Rule Amendments was provided to the State Council Members with a brief overview.

5. Audits:

Quarterly Dashboard- A letter from the National Office regarding the quarterly review of dashboard reports was provided to the members of the State Council, as well as a copy of CT's dashboard quarterly reports for 7/1/2017-6/30/2018.

The FY2018 ICOTS Photo Audit- Results of this audit were provided to the council members. Commissioner Roberge discussed the importance of meeting good photo standards, as ICOTS

information is shared with other law enforcement agencies. There is now a photo report on the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision website which gives us a sense of what needs to be improved. Assistant Attorney General Strom mentioned there are facial recognition programs being used in other countries and may be something to consider.

Upcoming 2019-2020 Audits- A letter from the National Office regarding the upcoming 2019-2020 audits was provided to council members. Part of the audit will be to ensure states are utilizing ICOTS roles appropriately and that policies and procedures incorporate a training plan for first time ICOTS users. The DCAs will need to provide this information to Commissioner Roberge before 9/1/18. The other portion of the audit will be focused on retakings and violation reports to ensure states are tracking them properly and adhering to the rules.

6. Parole Update:

DCA Watton indicated there are no updates to report.

7. Probation Update:

DCA Latulippe discussed that the Adult Probation Interstate Compact Staff met with State Police Sergeant Garcia to review the processes regarding sex offender registration, as he continues to work closely with our staff.

8. Other Members Update:

Commissioner Roberge thanked Assistant Attorney General Strom for regularly sharing information that pertains to parole and probation. Assistant Attorney General Strom briefly discussed a case in MA regarding relapsing and violations that received nationwide press.

Commissioner Roberge announced that Felix Rosa, the Deputy Compact Administrator for NY Parole, will be retiring.

Executive Assistant State's Attorney Austin has some personnel changes taking place in his agency. Kevin Lawlor has been appointed to the Deputy Chief State's Attorney for Operations and Michael Gailor has been appointed Middlesex State's Attorney

Chief Public Defender Rapillo indicated she would continue to be the Interstate Compact point of contact.

9. State Council Membership Changes:

Assistant Attorney General Strom moved to approve Chief Public Defender Christine Rapillo as a member of the State Council. Motion seconded by Executive Assistant State's Attorney Austin. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Old Business:

Assistant Attorney General Strom discussed CT's computer access agreements. He discussed a case where the offender's computer access agreement is being challenged as a First Amendment violation.

He plans to meet with Eric Ellison, Deputy Director of the Department of Corrections and Brian Battista, Chief Probation Officer to discuss these conditions. He indicated the challenge is finding a balance, as computers and phones are used for everything today. Chief Public Defender Rapillo stated she would also be interested in discussing this issue.

DCA Watton mentioned that since other states are not always using the NCIC Supervised Persons File (CT File 17), CT Parole continues to maintain this file in NCIC for their outgoing IC offenders.

11. New Business:

Next Meeting

Commissioner Roberge discussed the importance of meeting annually. DCA Latulippe will send a meeting request which is anticipated to be on 7/30/2019.

12. Adjourn:

DCA Watton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. which was seconded by Assistant Attorney General Strom.