



State of Connecticut JUDICIAL BRANCH

COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION
ADULT PROBATION AND BAIL SERVICES
455 Winding Brook Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision State Council Meeting Minutes November 7, 2023

Present: Gary Roberge (IC Commissioner & Executive Director, Judicial-CSSD); Alexandra Modica (Deputy Compact Administrator & Chief Probation Officer II, Judicial-CSSD); Joseph Garibaldi (Deputy Compact Administrator & Executive Director, BOPP); Jennifer Zaccagnini (Chairperson, BOPP); Rhianna Gingras (Director of Parole & Community Services, Department of Correction); Steven Strom (Assistant Attorney General, Ret.); Leland Moore (Assistant Attorney General); TaShun Bowden-Lewis (Chief Public Defender, Office of Chief Public Defender); Mary Kozicki (Deputy Director I, Office of Victim Services); Timothy Diakon (Parole Supervisor, BOPP); Jaclyn Osden (IC Unit Counselor Supervisor, Department of Correction); Jessica McCarty (Parole Officer, BOPP); Jaryd Boisvert (Parole Officer, BOPP); Maureen Aquino (Adult Probation Regional Manager, Judicial-CSSD), John Kissel (State Senator)

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Minutes Taken by: Jessica McCarty

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioner Roberge called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
Greetings and individual introductions took place.

It was noted the following State Council Members were unable to attend the meeting:
David Snyder, Director of Offender Classification & Population (DOC)

2. Consideration of Agenda for 2023 Interstate Compact State Council Meeting:

Executive Director Garibaldi moved to approve the agenda. Chief Public Defender TaShun Bowden-Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

3. Consideration of Minutes from December 8, 2022 State Council Meeting:

Executive Director Garibaldi moved to approve the agenda. Adult Probation Regional Manager Maureen Aquino seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

4. State Council Changes

Commissioner Roberge welcomed the following (new) participants:

- Board of Pardons and Paroles Chairperson Jennifer Zaccagnini (formerly Carleton Giles)
- State Senator John Kissel (Legislative Branch Representative)

5. Commissioner/ Executive Committee/East Region Meetings Update

Commissioner Roberge stated he continues to sit on the Executive Committee for the Commission as well as the Chair of the Finance Committee. He reported 2.5 million dollars in an investment account, confirmed a good financial standing. Mentioned possible Federal funding to re-write the case management system to current technology.

He noted a smooth migration of the ICOTS system to the new vendor, and thanked the Information Technology Committee for doing a great job overseeing the transition.

Commissioner Roberge and AAG Strom confirmed there are no pending lawsuits. Good standing with retakings for both Probation and Parole.

Metrics. Connecticut has done an outstanding job remaining at the top of the performance metrics.

6. Annual Report

DCA Garibaldi presented highlights from the Annual Report:

- 2022 was the 20 year Anniversary of the Commission
- (Page 6) Compared to rates in 2011, dramatic improvement (over 80%)
- Best interest of Public Safety to answer Transfer Requests and Violation Reports (for extradition purposes) in an appropriate timeframe
- (Page 8) Committee included a link for the public to learn the Interstate process, step by step, which will assist in their being more informed and prepared
- AUDIT completed to verify data integrity, to include proper photos and demographics. This action increases case approvals and helps with retakings

Commissioner Roberge noted that over 200,000 people are involved in the Interstate process (throughout the country).

7. Annual Business Meeting

DCA Modica provided an overview of the meeting that was held in Virginia:

- Vote on the Rule referencing Probable Cause Hearings. As a result, a minor change was made to the language: Receiving state “may” hold the offender in custody instead of the previous “shall” hold the offender in custody. *[Note: Senator Kissel asked for clarification regarding the genesis of the request, and was advised that the change gave leeway to the involved states, with regard to retakings, cost factors, etc.]* Other items were deemed either unnecessary language change, extra vetting needed, postponed, or withdrawn from consideration.
- Discussion of Rule 3.103 – Reporting Instructions, Compliance Issues, Nationwide Warrants
- Language Change Work Group recommended replacement of the term “offender” with the term “supervised individual”. This change has not yet been approved.
- AUDIT/Dashboard Compliance. Connecticut was successful and remains in compliance, well above the standard set by the national office.

8. Parole Update

DCA Garibaldi expressed his appreciation for the work of the Parole Compact Office; Supervisor Timothy Diakon, Parole Officers Jessica McCarty and Jaryd Boisvert, noting Jaryd is new to the unit.

9. Probation Update

DCA Modica reported having a new staff member, as well as (3) staff members out for personal reasons. She thanked DCA Garibaldi for allowing her to observe parole hearings. She also thanked Gary Roberge for being a great commissioner.

10. Other Member Updates

Attorney General: Assistant Attorney General Strom (Retired) and Assistant Attorney General Moore reported they are active in several cases and lawsuits, none of which involve Interstate offenders.

Victim Services: Deputy Director Kozicki noted that nothing has come to her attention as being of concern.

Office of Chief Public Defenders: Commissioner Roberge thanked Chief Bowden-Lewis for helping to collectively manage and for assistance in sending people appropriately to other states.

Senator Kissel: Thanked everyone for their service to Connecticut. He described the ebb and flow of the legislative year and reiterated that they will review the agenda in January. The senator stated he was happy to learn as much as he can about the Interstate process.

11. Old Business/New Business

No old or new business to report.

12. Adjourn

Commissioner Roberge requested a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Executive Director Garibaldi and Chief Public Defender TaShun Bowden-Lewis . The Motion passed and Commissioner Roberge adjourned the meeting at 11:29 am.