



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 December 8, 2022

Present: Gary Roberge (IC Commissioner & Executive Director, Judicial-CSSD); Alexandra Modica (Deputy Compact Administrator & Chief Probation Officer II, Judicial-CSSD); Richard Sparaco (Executive Director, BOPP); Joseph Garibaldi (Deputy Compact Administrator & Deputy Director, BOPP); Rhianna Gingras (Director of Parole & Community Services, Department of Correction); David Snyder (Director of Offender Classification & Population, Department of Correction); Steven Strom (Assistant Attorney General); Brett Salafia (Executive Assistant State's Attorney, Division of Criminal Justice); TaShun Bowden-Lewis (Chief Public Defender, Office of Chief Public Defender); Mary Kozicki (Deputy Director I, Office of Victim Services); Timothy Diakon (Parole Manager, BOPP); Jaclyn Osden (IC Unit Counselor Supervisor, Department of Corrections); Jessica McCarty (Parole Officer, BOPP); Maureen Aquino (Adult Probation Regional Manager, Judicial-CSSD); Natalie Latulippe (Adult Probation, Judicial- CSSD)

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Minutes Taken by: Natalie Latulippe

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Commissioner Roberge called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Greetings and individual introductions took place.

It was noted the following State Council Members were unable to attend the meeting:
Interstate Compact Coordinator Sarah Nightingale, Assistant Attorney General Leland Moore and Sergeant Luke LaRue.

2. Consideration of Agenda for December 8, 2022 State Council meeting:

Executive Director Sparaco moved to approve the agenda. Natalie Latulippe seconded. Motion passed.

3. Consideration of Minutes from December 14, 2021 State Council Meeting:

Executive Assistant State Attorney Salafia moved to approve the minutes as written. Executive Director Sparaco seconded. Motion passed.

4. State Council Membership Changes

Commissioner Roberge moved to approve the following 5 new members to this State Council:

- Probation DCA Alexandra Modica (formerly Natalie Latulippe)
- Assistant Attorney General Leland Moore (formerly Robert Dearington/Steve Strom)
- Parole and Community Services Director Rhianna Gingras (formerly Eric Ellison/Frank Mirto)
- DOC Offender Classification & Population Director David Snyder (Formerly David Maiga)
- Chief Public Defender TaShun Bowden-Lewis (formerly Christine Rapillo)

Assistant State Attorney Steven Strom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Commissioner/ Executive Committee/East Region Meetings Update

Commissioner Roberge stated he continues to sit on the Executive Committee as the Treasurer for the Commission. The Commission members approved the proposed plan to increase the annual dues at the Annual Business Meeting.

The biggest area of focus for the Commission currently is the migration of the ICOTS system from APPRIS to the new vendor. This was necessary because APPRIS was not willing to renew the contract and maintain ICOTS any longer.

A new Commission Chair and Vice Chair were elected. Mary Kay Hudson from Indiana and Mac Pevey from Washington.

There are no updates regarding the East Region. The East Region states do meet periodically but there are no issues to report. All the states work well together. Our Parole and Probation Compact offices do a great job.

6. Annual Report

The FY2022 Interstate Commission Annual Report was provided to the State Council members in advance. There were no questions presented.

Commissioner Roberge noted that the Annual Report was submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor's Office through CSSD's External Affairs Division, so it has been distributed as statutorily obligated.

7. Annual Business Meeting

Overview of ABM Presentations & DCA Institute:

The ABM was held in New York City this year and celebrated the 20th Anniversary. It was attended by Commissioner Roberge and DCAs Modica and Garibaldi.

DCA Modica provided an overview. The topics of focus were transfer acceptance rates, tolling and substance abuse impact on supervision.

Based on an audit, the number one reason for rejections was an invalid or unverified plan of supervision. There was discussion about what states can do to make sure to minimize the number of rejections and avoid unnecessary rejections.

There have been some issues regarding how the tolling feature is used in ICOTS and the Rules Committee will establish a tolling workgroup to examine some of the issues.

There was also a detailed discussion about decriminalization versus legalization of substances and how differing laws impact supervision in receiving states. The main thing that was communicated was to consider the conditions of probation or parole for each case.

The Road Home Documentary:

The link to the Documentary was provided as part of the agenda. Commissioner Roberge thanked everyone in CT who participated in the making of the documentary and encouraged everyone to watch the video. Positive feedback was provided by members that had viewed it and how they may use the documentary in the future.

Next ABM September 2023:

Rule Proposals are voted upon every two years at the ABM and will take place at the next ABM in September of 2023. If anyone has any IC Rules for consideration to be modified or added, please notify ASAP as they will need to be submitted to the Region Committee prior to February 2023.

8. Audits and Dashboard Compliance

FY23 Data Integrity Audit Results for CT:

DCA Modica explained the audit looked at the demographic information entered in ICOTS. CT was found to be satisfactory in every category except one but further review of this category revealed that the issue noted had already been addressed and that the timing of the report for the audit captured the erroneous information that CT had responded to appropriately and timely.

New warrant tracking dashboard and tracking features in ICOTS:

There are new warrant tracking reports and ICOTS tracks the warrant process in more detail.

Compliance Dashboards 2022:

The CT 2022 Compliance Dashboard report was provided to the State Council members in advance. It shows that CT is above the national threshold in every category.

9. Parole Update

DCA Garibaldi expressed his appreciation for the work that the Supervisor of the Parole Compact Office, Tim Diakon, and the officers Jessica McCarty and Sherrie Lubinski do day to day. He also noted that there will be a change in staffing as Officer Lubinski will be retiring.

10. Probation Update

DCA Modica expressed her appreciation for the assistance she has received from Natalie Latulippe during this transition into this position. Probation has a lot of new staff in new roles and the goal is to get them more familiar with the Interstate Compact. We have conducted Pre-Service Training and we are going to conduct In-Service Training this month. The great work of the Probation Interstate Compact Staff was also noted.

11. Other Member Updates

Attorney General: Assistant Attorney General Strom will be completing his work with the AGs office at the end of this year. Several members expressed appreciation for all the support and assistance they have received from AAG Strom over the years.

Victim Services: Deputy Director Kozicki noted there have been no issues.

Parole Community Supervision: Director Gingras will be reaching out to DCA Garibaldi and Parole Supervisor Diakon to set up meetings to support the Interstate Compact process.

Office of Chief State's Attorney: Executive Assistant State's Attorney Salafia noted he is looking forward to distributing the video so state's attorneys can get a refresher.

Office of Chief Public Defenders: Chief Bowden-Lewis would like to look into the offer of helping with training and would like to partner with probation and parole.

Department of Correction: IC Unit Counselor Supervisor Osden discussed some difficult cases she has had recently that AAG Strom has assisted with and resolved. These cases don't always fall within the clear guidelines.

12. Old Business/New Business

No old or new business to report.

13. Next Meeting

Commissioner Roberge noted the State Council should continue to meet once a year, which is the minimum requirement. If any issues arise, he can be contacted and a meeting with the council can be set up, if needed.

14. Adjourn

Natalie Latulippe requested a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Executive Director Sparaco. The Motion passed and Commissioner Roberge adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.