

# IOWA INTERSTATE COMPACT STATE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**JULY 25, 2019**

The Iowa Interstate Compact State Council met at the Iowa Department of Correction Central Office in Des Moines, Iowa on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **Members present:**

- Senator Rich Taylor
- Senator Dan Dawson
- Representative Dustin Hite
- Todd Nuccio, State Court Administrator
- Charlie Lauterbach, Adult Compact Administrator
- Michael Rempe, Juvenile Compact Commissioner
- Wendy Sheetz, Juvenile Compact DCA

### **Members absent:**

- Mary Roche, Victim Liaison

### **Guests:**

- Sally Kreamer, Deputy Director, Iowa DOC
- Michael Savala, General Counsel, Iowa DOC
- Simona Hammond, DCA, Iowa DOC
- Laura Books, Legislative Analyst
- Christin Melcher, Legislative Analyst

Commissioner Charles Lauterbach 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. He 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.

DCA Simona Hammond presented the FY2019 audit results on statewide training policies and procedures. She also reviewed the FY2019 compliance dashboard, explaining that Iowa was in compliance and scored above the national average on all but one parameter. She stated the Compact office worked closely with all judicial districts and facilitated statewide training sessions for probation and parole officers and supervisors. She further explained that in FY2020, the National Office is auditing states on procedures for issuing warrants when retaking of offenders is required. She stated Iowa will be submitting the response to the FY2020 audit in the next few days.

Commissioner Charles Lauterbach presented the 2019 rule proposals and explained the 2019 rule change timeline. The various rule proposals were discussed and there no concerns noted regarding the proposals.

DCA Simona Hammond indicated the number of cases processed by the compact office increased by almost 40% between FY2010 and FY2019. There are currently 1446 Iowa offender supervised in other states and 1515 out of state offender supervised in Iowa.

DCA Wendy Sheetz 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. The National Office has recently started to do performance measurements in the last year, similar to the audits performed on the adult compact.

Commissioner Michael Rempe indicated the way the juvenile compact conducts business has changed drastically over the past years. Direct communication between the states is now conducted via the compact office and with the permission of the compact office. He emphasized the benefits of using the electronic system which allows for faster responses/ notifications for other states.

DCA Wendy Sheets stated Iowa receives yearly around 100 juvenile probation cases from other states and transfers out around 50 cases. On the probation side, the numbers are much smaller. The Juvenile Compact office also processes around 50 incoming cases and 40 outgoing cases of runaway children per year.

The members agreed that the state council will meet when necessary to discuss proposed rule changes.