

# Nevada State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision December 22, 2021 12:00 PM PST 215 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101

## **MEETING MINUTES**

The Nevada State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision held a public meeting on November 3, 2022, beginning at 12:02 p.m. PST, at the Nevada DPS Parole and Probation building, 215 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101. All meeting attendees were connected via ZOOM teleconference.

## 1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Commissioner Captain Deborah Dreyer at 12:02 P.M. PST.

# 2. Roll Call:

Council members present included: Nevada Commissioner Captain Deborah Dreyer; Judge Scott Freeman, Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong, and Senator Dallas Harris. Guests present: Captain Deon McDaniel, Acting Lt. Chris Clifton, Sgt. Jeremy Geoffroy, Sgt. Kourtney Campbell, Katherine Stocks, Command Staff AA IV Rebecca Hunter, Allen Eskridge – National Office.

• Since a quorum was not achieved today, we will not be voting, taking any action, or making any motions today. Today's meeting will consist of informal discussion.

# 3. Meeting Opening

Commissioner Captain Deborah Dreyer opened the meeting with public comment, in the event anyone from the public, who was attending at either location or via ZOOM, would like to make a comment. No comments were made.

# 4. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Captain Deborah Dreyer stated that there was not a quorum present, there will be no motion to approve Nevada State Council for Interstate Offenders meeting minutes from December 22, 2021.

## 5. New Commission Members and State Staff

Commissioner Captain Dreyer identified all new members to the Council and the ISC Office. Council Members

- Assemblywoman Shondra Summers Armstrong
- Senator Dallas Harris
- Currently have two vacancies on the council

# ISC Compact Office Staff Members

- Deon McDaniel Pending Governor appointment as the Commissioner
- Chris Clifton ISC Acting Lieutenant & Interim Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA)
- Kourtney Campbell ISC Sergeant & Assistant Deputy Compact Administrator (ADCA)

- Jeremy Geoffroy ISC Sergeant
- Delilah Siatiu ISC AA I

#### **6.** Discussion Item:

Acting Lieutenant Clifton reviewed the following discussion points.

- Introduction to the NPP Interstate Compact Office
  - The Compact office is currently staffed with:
    - 1 Administrative Assistant III and 2 AA Is who are the central nervous system for the unit. They assign transfer request investigations to officers statewide, complete file setups for incoming/outbound cases, other daily support functions.
    - O 1 Specialist III who serves as our initial point of contact for clients, greeting clients in the office and submitting requests for reporting instructions and transfer requests to other states on their behalf.
    - o 7 total officers:
      - o 1 officer works with 2 Specialist IIIs and our Low-Risk Supervision clients.
      - 6 officers supervise clients of all risk levels in Nevada from other states, conduct Compact eligibility investigations, educate other officers and statewide stakeholders about the Compact.
    - o 6 Specialist IIs who perform administrative supervision functions of a complex caseload comprised of Nevada offenders on parole, probation, and lifetime supervision at every risk level (i.e., low, moderate, high, very high, sex offender). These specialists are responsible for communicating with other states' agencies to manage the appropriate supervision of Nevada's offenders who have transferred across state borders.
    - O 1 Specialist III who provides training and guidance to the Specialist IIs working in the Compact Office. Subject matter includes the Compact, ICAOS and the two record management systems worked in daily. She also performs supervisory duties, such as final report review, caseload audits, etc., in the absence of the supervisor or when supervisor workload is in excess of expectations.

## Leadership team is made up of:

- 2 P&P Specialist Supervisors who review/approve, oversee, and direct the daily work of our specialists monitoring out of state clients.
- o 2 sergeants who are the Assistant Deputy Compact Administrators. They are our initial nationwide points of contact for Nevada. They help me review and approve the statewide workflow every day, correspond with other states on behalf of Nevada to resolve Compact concerns, and supervise the officers assigned to the unit.
- o 1 lieutenant who acts as the Deputy Compact Administrator. I am responsible for the daily operation of the office and answer concerns from other states about Compact issues.
- o 1 captain who is the Commissioner appointed by the Governor and who is Nevada's Compact Administrator.

**LRS Pods** – Each Specialist III has a <u>current caseload size of approximately 219</u>. We are experiencing stresses to this workload similar to those reflected in the other LRS Pods throughout our agency. Demands on specialists outpace the number of work hours in each month. Caseload ratios are too high.

Officers – <u>Current caseload sizes average 55 and TREQ investigations are appx. 11 per officer per month.</u> Recent and continued stresses on recruitment and retention of officers throughout the agency have seen the number of officers in our unit diminish from 10 to our current 7 over the last year.

**ISC Specialist II** – <u>Current caseload sizes average 247</u>. It is worth noting that these numbers are higher even than those managed by the LRS Specialist IIIs, and they are a class lower. Again, caseload ratios are too high.

Overtime has been utilized in the unit where necessary to maintain performance levels.

- Summary of the 2022 ICAOS dashboard reports
  - The National Office created the dashboard reports to track each state's performance with regard to compliance and adherence to timeframes and compact activities and tasks. The reports are available at all times. States are required to keep a minimum compliance rate of 80%.
  - Nevada strives for a much higher rate.
  - Nevada Compliance Rates:
    - For the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Division surpassed the ICAOS 80% minimum compliance requirement in all metrics. In most measures, Nevada outpaces the nationwide average (please see the dashboard below).
  - Nevada Supervision:
    - For the same period, Nevada supervised 1,149 incoming cases and 1,374 outgoing cases
    - For the same period, Nevada received 779 incoming transfer requests for investigation. Nevada accepted 66.8% of those for a total of 520 new supervision cases.
    - For the same period, Nevada submitted 790 outgoing transfer requests to other states. Of those 77.1% were accepted for a total of 609 cases.

Sergeant Geoffroy reviewed the following discussion points.

- Bench Card Review
  - Provided to courts across the state.
  - Key points we cannot allow any offenders to leave the state without the states (NPP) approval.
  - O What offense are eligible. A few gross misdemeanors don't qualify if offender is subject to 1 year or more supervisor driving while impaired, use or possession of a fire are, threaten psychological abuse.
  - o If they violate their out of state supervision, we will recall them. Will issue a warrant in 15 days there is now a tracking system in place.
  - O Judge Freeman explained for example say an individual is driving through Northern Nevada and commits a crime, but they live in another state. They get arrested and convicted of a crime in Nevada, they must stay in Nevada until they are cleared to return to their home state. The sentencing judge must make them stay until they are given the ok to leave the state of Nevada. The State may/will recall any offender if they are not following their probation guidelines.

Commissioner Dreyer reviewed the following discussion points.

- Review of the 2022 ICAOS Annual Business Meeting
  - The 20<sup>th</sup> Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) Annual Business Meeting (ABM) was held September 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in New York City. The Nevada delegation was comprised of our Commissioner, the Deputy Compact Administrator, and an Assistant Deputy Compact Administrator. Delegations representing each state traveled to the meeting to talk with one another about challenges facing states as they administer the rules outlined by the Compact, confer with ex-officion members from organizations with professional interest in community supervision, share

and train in best practices, and discuss changes to improve processes and enhance compliance with the mission of the ICAOS. This year, commissioners passed an annual dues increase for all states. In FY2024, the Commission will increase dues by a standard 5.25% for five years. In FY2029, the standard annual increase reduces to 3%. Next year's ICAOS ABM will consider updates to the rules of the Compact.

- Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong asked a question how much the dues were increasing. Response up 33% ICAOS underfunded due to low dues fee. Allen Eskridge (ICAOS National Office) provided the following information.
  - Nevada's FY24 dues increase to \$30,156.02. Formerly, Nevada's dues were \$28,651.80. The approved dues increase begins in FY2024 and includes 5.25% increases over five years after which dues increases should stabilize at 3% each year thereafter.
- Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong asked if the model shown was Nevada's Model or the National model. Response was that the model is the national model.
- University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI) prepared an "<u>Analysis and Investigation of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision</u>." The report is one of the first investigative studies of the adult interstate supervision transfer system. The goal of the study was to examine the impact of ICAOS, who is being served, the benefits of the Compact, and the current challenges of working within the policies and practices proscribed by the Compact. Nationwide, millions of American adults are placed on some form of community supervision each year. In terms of sheer numbers of people served, community supervision comprises the largest facet of the modern American law enforcement, corrections, and rehabilitation system.
- o The 2023 ABM is scheduled for September 19-20 in Norfolk, Virginia.
- Review of pertinent items from the ICAOS 2022 Annual Report
  - O Under a grant from the Department of Justice, the National Office continued its partnership with the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH) and the Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ). Together they worked to develop an automated service that triggers a notification for subscribers when a warrant is issued through the NCIC Wanted Persons File or a state warrant system. Notification also occurs when an individual on a Compact transfer triggers a wants and warrants check by a law enforcement official.
  - O During the 2021, Annual Business Meeting the Commission voted on and passed Rule amendments to standardize warrant timeframes at 15 business days, down from 30 calendar days previously. This standardization helps to support effective public safety and efficient case management. ICOTS was also updated to include a special status indicator for warrants, email notifications, and warrant status data fields. In April 2022, the warrant timeframe rule went into effect. The timeframe for states to issue a warrant was updated from 30 calendar days to 15 business days. So far Nevada has been able to comply with this rule. In the event we encounter a problem we will do our best to resolve the issue with conversation and education. Reaching out to our state council members for assistance will be our last resort. (Sgt. Geoffroy will cover this next)
  - The ICAOS National Office and National Institute of Corrections (NIC) worked together to produce a 60-minute documentary called "The Road Home." It is currently available to view on the ICAOS website and YouTube. We will include the link for you when the minutes are sent following this meeting.

- The Commission's last dues increase was in 2009. Since that time, ICAOS operating deficit has increased by approximately 33% due to cumulative inflationary growth. Despite strong financial management that resulted in the Commission finishing the last five fiscal years under budget, ICAOS remained underfunded by current dues rates. At the recent Annual Business Meeting, the Finance Committee proposed dues increases beginning in fiscal year 2024 (as covered above).
- o Per the 2022 Annual Report, national acceptance rates for discretionary cases were 67.7% and overall acceptance rates were 79.7%. Nevada's incoming acceptance rate has been around 68.7%, and our outgoing acceptance rate is 78.9%. Nevada has received 1,182 cases via the Compact and 1,326 cases were transferred to other states from Nevada.

# 7. Public Comments and Discussion:

Commissioner Captain Deborah Dreyer asked if anyone from the public, who was attending at either location, would like to make a comment. There were no comments.

## 8. Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

## 9. New Business:

Commissioner Dreyer – reminder the Nevada State Council Meeting will be held in October or November 2023, following the 2023 Annual Business Meeting which will be held in September 2023.

• Captain McDaniel will send an email in late summer requesting availability.

## 10. Public Comments and Discussion:

Commissioner Captain Deborah Dreyer asked if anyone from the public, who was attending at either location, would like to make a comment, there were no comments,

# 11. Adjourn:

With no other business to address the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. PST.

Minutes by Rebecca Hunter, Administrative Assistant IV Nevada Parole and Probation