PRESENT: Chairperson Craig Tieszen, State Senate; Denny Kaemingk, Secretary of Corrections; Brian Zeeb, Division of Criminal Investigation; Krista Heeren-Graber, Victims Advocate; Doug Clark, Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Parole; Nancy Allard, Director of Trial Court Services.

ABSENT: Mark Barnett, Circuit Judge, Sixth Circuit Court.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Ball, Deputy Compact Administrator for Parole; Cheryl Frost, Interstate Compact Coordinator for Probation (Recorder).

REVIEW / APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2015 MINUTES

Chair Tieszen called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM, CST. The council reviewed and approved the September 2015 minutes with no discussion.

INTRODUCTIONS

Doug Clark noted that Sarah Ball, Deputy Compact Administrator for Parole was present for the meeting.

Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA) REPORTS

Sarah noted parole agents have been busy attending the new rules amendment training. The council was provided with the monthly dashboard numbers for parole and probation compliance from the national office. Sarah noted there is a problem with compliance with submitting progress reports. Field agents receive an automatic e-mail notification from the National office 30 days prior to the date the progress report is due on a case, and if the progress report still hasn’t been submitted, another e-mail notification is automatically sent on the day the report is due.

Nancy stated the dashboard numbers are helpful for monitoring where there needs to be improvement in areas when being compliant with the Compact. She further stated that due to the volume of probation cases, she feels our CSO’s are doing a good job, and is pleased with the dashboard numbers. The monthly Dashboard statistics is a very useful tool to help us ensure compliance with ICAOS Rules. Probation has also been attending the new rules amendment training.

Nancy provided the statistics of the active outgoing and incoming probation cases for South Dakota. There are currently 941 total active probation cases, of which 477 are probation transfers out, and 464 are probation transfers in to South Dakota.
Nancy stated in the 2015 Legislature, Shannon County’s name was changed to Oglala Lakota County. A request was made to the National Office to request this county name change in ICOTS and to inquire as to the cost of making this change. The National Office advised they will do the update at no cost to South Dakota.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, CLEVELAND, OH, SEPTEMBER 12 – 14, 2016

This year is the DCA training year (DCA training is held every 2 years at the time of the Annual Business Meeting. Doug Clark, SD ICAOS Commissioner, Nancy Allard, SD DCA for Probation, and Sarah Ball, SD DCA for Parole will be attending this year’s Annual Business Meeting and Training in Cleveland. Cheryl Frost, UJS Interstate Compact Coordinator may also attend this year’s meeting. The National ICAOS Office will pay for the Commissioner and 2 DCAs from SD to attend this year’s meeting.

DISCRETIONARY CASE ASSESSMENT STUDY

A hand out was provided of the South Dakota Discretionary Cases Assessment, conducted by the ICAOS. In FY 2015, South Dakota accepted 68% discretionary transfers, and rejected 32% discretionary transfers. The national acceptance rate for discretionary transfers is 57%. South Dakota is well above the national average.

NEW BUSINESS

Sarah Ball provided a handout entitled Best Practice 3-2015, What Jails Need to Know. The handout pertains to the rules for retaking an offender and provides excellent information for extradition as it relates to ICAOS rules. If an offender signed the ICAOS Application for transfer form (and all transferred cases must sign this form) then an extradition hearing is not needed nor should a Governor’s Warrant be issued to return an offender to their sending state.

Doug Clark is to attend an ICAOS Rules Committee meeting in Indianapolis the week of May 9th. One of the proposed rule changes is doing away with the standard of three significant violations, and to replace significant violation with non-compliant behavior.

Another State Council Meeting to discuss proposed rule amendments is to be scheduled prior to the Annual Business Meeting, which is scheduled in September of 2016.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

No general discussion.

Motion made by Chairperson Tieszen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nancy Allard.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl F. Frost, Interstate Compact Coordinator for Probation.