



IOWA INTERSTATE COMPACT COUNCIL MINUTES Tuesday October 1, 2024

State Council Members Present: Simona Hammond, Mary Roche, Robert Gast, Brian Lohse, Kellianne Torres, Meredith Lamberti, Laura Book, Melanie Bauler, Curtis Hamstra

Guests: Elizabeth Dehne, Jennifer Anderson, Zach Carlyle

Welcome - Simona Hammond

- Simona Hammond welcomes everyone to the Interstate Compact Council Meeting. Simona is the Deputy Compact Administrator overseeing the compact office within DOC.

Introduction of the State Council Members and Compact Office Staff -Simona Hammond

- Mary Roche is the Director of Victim Programs for the Iowa Department of Corrections.
- Meredith Lamberti is the Vice Chair of the Board of Parole.
- Melanie Bauler is the Emmet County Attorney.
- Brian Lohse is the State Representative of House District 45 representing North and East Polk County.
- Charity Klopp is the Interstate Compact Specialist who works alongside Simona. Charity has been in this office since March, and was probation/parole officer for about 10 years before.
- Kelly Johnson is with the Interstate Compact Office.
- Laura Books is with the Governor's Office and is the Policy Advisor for Corrections
- Kellianne Torres is Deputy Compact Administer and designee for the Juvenile Compact in Iowa.
- Curtis Hamstra is the Chief Juvenile Court Officer down in District 4. He is the Juvenile Court Representative.

History of Compact and Current Numbers - Simona Hammond

- The Compact for Interstate Commission for Adults Under Supervision was enacted back in 1937 as a mechanism to track certain supervised individuals who moved across the state line. The Compact was revised in 2002, 22 years ago.
- Each state is required to establish a compact office, and the Iowa Compact Office is one of the smallest compact offices in the country. We are in charge of administration and management of supervised individuals transferred to other states or to Iowa.
- We are also in charge of our state compliance with the interstate compact rules and regulations, and we are going to talk about this more later on.
- Last fiscal year we processed a total of 1,445 incoming cases with a little over 1,600 outgoing cases. Of those outgoing cases those would be Iowa clients, people sentenced in Iowa going to other states.
- 474 Cases for parole cases. A little over 1,100 for probation, parole aid cases.
- Our cases are going up fiscal year 2010. We had a total of 2,100 cases. In 2018 we had

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around 2,700 cases. As of yesterday, for this year, the number of active cases was a little over 3,200.

Role of the State Council-Simona Hammond

- The role of the State Council by statute the commission for Interstate Commission for Adults Under Supervision requires each state to establish a State Council. Mostly as a mechanism to oversee the interstate affairs, as they relate to the Interstate Compact rules and regulations.
- We are looking at this advisory board as an advocate and also, we are looking for help in addressing some of the compliance issues that we encounter when dealing especially with external stakeholders.
- Questions from the State Council where “How does the IDOC envision advocacy with other stakeholders?” We would like to have guidance on reaching out to other states regarding court orders/ legal issues that arise and assisting to make sure all courts understand the Compact Rules.

2024 Rule Amendment Package-Simona Hammond

- Amendment was to change the term “Offender” to “Supervised Individual”, and became effective on November 1st.
- That amendment passed and the rule change will become effective November 1st. In terms of how that will impact us we do not see a lot of changes. IDOC does not use the terms offenders, we refer to the individuals as clients.
- Mary Roche addressed the concerns from the victim’s perspective on this rule change. The term “justice involved” is very broad and there is no clear distinction between victim and the person who hurt them, and to the person in the field. We do not want the terms to become so broad that we forget who we are talking about.

Juvenile Compact Update - Kellianne Torres

- Thank you for allowing the Juvenile Compact to be part of this advisory board.
- The Interstate Compact for juveniles works somewhat similar to the adult compact. We are what regulates the movement of juveniles under court supervision between states.
- We also oversee the safe return of runaways to their home states and that is youth. We call them non delinquent youth.
- Between July last year to June 30th, of this year, we saw 92 of these cases coming into the State of Iowa. We then had 51 of our Iowa youth that moved to another state.
- Similar to the adult compact we also have a compact office. I am the Deputy Compact Administrator. Chief Hamstra is our commissioner.
- We also have requirements through our compact to have a state council and the adult compact has been gracious enough to let us join in with them. We also have rule changes every other year, so anytime that there will be proposed rule changes we will review those with you all for feedback and comments on how we see those rules affect. If any of those changes went into place, how those may affect Iowa youth and communities.
- Mary Roche asks about how human trafficking is addressed particularly with the runaway population going in and out of Iowa, how is that handled?
- Kellianne Torres expressed that human trafficking is a very big concern within the compact. In the past years have had some work groups and committees that focus solely on human trafficking. We continue to have ongoing efforts to really identify when we have youth that are involved with human trafficking, and then we have been working with the Runaway Hotline. They assist in making sure that when we have identified somebody that we are connecting them with some resources for when they do return home.

Organizational Structure/ Future Meetings- Simona Hammond

- Every other year is a rule making year for the Adult Compact. Next year there will be several rule amendments. The final discussion of those amendments should be reviewed in July for comments before the September Commission Meeting.
- Next meeting will take place toward the end of July and beginning of August 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Dehne, Executive Officer