

General Business Meeting
June 12, 2009
Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center
State College, PA

I. Introduction

The June 12, 2009 Business Meeting of the County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officer's Association of Pennsylvania was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Michael Potteiger, President.

II. Presentation

Eric Webb and Chris Murphy made a brief presentation on the status of Parole Sentencing Guidelines. Eric will distribute a survey to get input from Probation and Parole Professionals. The Commission Plans on meeting again sometime this summer.

Mr. Lee Marks and Mr. Hall, Reckitt Benchiser presented on Suboxon, treating heroin addiction. They discussed the growing trends in opiate addiction and the accompanying recidivism. Presented a youth survey from Fairfield County, Ohio (affluent area) plagued by heroin use by teens and discussed their Drug Court utilizing Suboxon to deal with the problem.

III. Agency Updates

PCCD – Jim Strader announced the stimulus funding. A major increase over the next few years. Jim advised to keep an eye on their web site beginning today for announcements. Their Commission met last Tuesday regarding JAG Funds. There is approximately 40 million dollars available. The Commission approved 29 million to local governments (75%). Some categories listed were: law enforcement, technology, alternatives to incarceration, offender reentry, mental health initiatives, and problem solving courts. There will be direct applications. No two (2) step process which will save three (3) months. All applications must go through local CJAB's. The time period will be 24 months with no matching funds. A major component will be job creation/retention. In addition SADRf will also be released in the very near future.

CCAP - No Report

JNET- Eric Webb announced that there has been a significant increase of misuse by staff on Penn Dot. They will begin testing on their ER2 project. He also announced that JNET has no funding, therefore, the August meeting will most likely be cancelled.

Sentencing Commission – Conway Bushey presented a report from Carrie Peters. Discussed workgroup regarding Resentencing Guidelines. Probation and Parole Revocations using some type of sentencing tool. In addition, Mike Potteiger and Eric Webb also addressed these guidelines.

PBPP – Probation Services – Bill McDevitt discussed the State Budget impasse. His office has sent out Grant-In-Aid proposals both by E-documents and hard copy. The 2009 – 2010 Budget will be “Flat” in comparison to the previous year. There may be a reduction to Graduate Level Reimbursement to each recipient so more individuals can be funded. Bill announced that supervision funds should be released shortly for the previous six (6) month period. Bill stated that the 2008 statistical report has been completed. He also announced the standard audits will be adopting the 4th Edition in August. Allegheny County starts next week on JNET ER 308 reporting. They are also working with Philadelphia County. Bill met with the Bureau of Justice in March regarding the establishing a standard definition for “Recidivism”.

Training – Bill McDevitt – Bill announced that there is \$88,000.00 in the training Budget. This is a \$10,000.00 increase.

Interstate – Margaret Thompson – Margaret spoke about the increase in interstate. She started with five (5) staff and now there is thirteen (13) staff to deal with the increasing workload. Margaret announced that there are presently 35 counties on ICOTS and that Venango and Mercer Counties will soon go on. They are planning a deadline by the end of the year for the remaining 20 counties. Margaret said there is training available through Webex. Margaret reminded everyone that the \$100.00 fee is mandatory and that the counties keep the entire amount.

Legal - No Report

FETC – Michelle Beaver – Michelle announced that the new regulations are in effect since June 6, 2009. They can be found in Webex. Michelle reported that the firearms section of Basic Training will be increased to two (2) weeks next year.

IV. Officers Report

- **President** – No Report
- **Vice President** – No Report
- **Secretary** – Conway announced that the minutes were sent by e-mail from the last General Business meeting and were accepted as circulated.
- **Treasurer** – Jayne Smail - the budget was presented through June 5, 2009. There is a total account balance of \$86,488.16. Conway discussed the assessments paid by the counties. The fees have not increase in four (4) years. Conway discussed trying to change the Legislation so that all controllers will pay the fee.
- **Executive Director** – Conway Bushey recognized achievement. John Holt, 4-24-09, Ray Reade, 4-30-09, Robert Shull, 4-30-09 and Bob Kelsey, 6-6-09.

All retired after many years of dedicated service. Conway informed the association of the following new administrators Lyle Herr, Cumberland County, Nick Loiacona, Crawford County, Jeff Shaw, Erie County and Thomas Radal, Perry County. Conway also displayed the list of chiefs and lengths of service. Conway discussed Philadelphia County partnering with the University of Pennsylvania in regards to a new assessment tool. Conway addressed the budget crisis and discussed House Bill 306 (amended) Conway went through the calendar of events.

Committee Report

- **Firearms** – No Report
- **Training** – No Report
- **Legislation** – There was some discussion on possible legislation for Admission Interlock for first time DUI's. Not moving too quickly.
- **Inter County** – No Report
- **Program** – Mike Potteiger discussed the 1½ hour programs which will be offered at the conference.

Unfinished Business –

The salary disparity issue was once again discussed. Conway did a position paper and passed it along to Bill McDevitt. Bill will bring it to the State Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for the end of July.

New Business – Mike Potteiger reported that Sally Barry, Lebanon County brought up an incident in her county regarding a critical incident response team. There was good feedback from various counties who have programs. There was also discussion regarding a Pandemic (COOP). John Sikora went through a live drill on COOP in his office. John will produce results to Conway to email to all members. Tom Shea, Blair County also went through a similar exercise. There was a lively discussion on State Intermediate Punishment Sentence.

Attendance Roster

Larry Straitiff	Jefferson County
Bob Daugherty	Venango County
Dan Blahusch	U.S. Probation – Philadelphia
Lyle Herr	Cumberland County
Neil Stefanisko	Schuykill County
Joseph Szeliga	Schuykill County
Carl McKee	Warren County
Tom Shea	Blair County
Cory J. Seymour	Blair County

Lisa E. Ozio
Dan Hoover
Andy Urban
Michelle Beaver
Todd Harpster
Ron Seyko
Mark Wilson
William J. McDevitt, Jr.
Leslee Magulick
Jeff Shaw
Craig Williams
Tom Dougherty
Chris Murphy
Michael Gordan
Richard Forry
James R. Chapman
Lisa Salak
Jonathan Dunsinger
Margaret Thomsson
Luann Yohn
Jason Foltz
Mark Murray
Michael Raith
Matt Pierce
Eric Webb
Nick Loiacona
Craig Wise
Mike Potteiger

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Franklin County
Westmoreland County
Juniata County
Mifflin County
Allegheny County
Lancaster County
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PA Board of Probation & Parole
Chester County
Montgomery County
Berks County
Wayne County
Wayne County
Wayne County
PA Board of Prbation & Parole Interstate
Lycoming County
Clinton County
Delaware County
Delaware County
Crawford County
JNET
Crawford County
Greene County
Dauphin County

Adjournment/Lunch 11:57 a.m.