

General Business Meeting
March 12, 2010
Toftrees Golf Resort & Conference Center
State College, PA

I. Introduction

The March 12, 2010, Business Meeting of the County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers' Association of Pennsylvania was called to order at 8:55 a.m. by Michael Potteiger, President.

II. Presentation

Wayne Becker, CSI Technology discussed video conferencing and security for probation and parole offices. He presented different types, money savings, intended purposes, types of connections and legal concerns of audio visual. Wayne presented the latest technology for probation and parole offices including video surveillance and intrusion detection as a means of security.

Mitch Veron, Think Right Inc. presented "What Works Research", putting the responsibility on offenders to change and summary of Best Practices. The focus is on the research of the learning needs of the target population. Think Right utilizes cognitive behavior techniques using educational principles that change behavior. Bob Dougherty, Venango County spoke about the positive effects this program has had in his county in regards to their bad check writing program.

III. Agency Updates

PCCD- Jim Strader spoke about the Federal Stimulus funding that was available in Pennsylvania. The funding broke down to \$30 million to local agency and \$14 million to the state. He discussed funding announcements through grants. Jim discussed new funding through CJAB's for new projects. Jim mentioned that there is Booking Center Funding available for Live Scan and CPIN. Jim announced the formation of the Mental Health Advisory Committee, which will help the Commission identify future funding areas for this population. Jim announced the offender Re-entry Conference in April and the May Corrections Package information seminars.

JNET – Eric Webb announced updates on the new security due to be completed by June 30, 2010. There was a discussion on the new JNET automated registration, in particular the new requirements on the sponsor. Eric announced that the switch to ER2P will be a better and more reliable reporting system. The counties with DSI will be completed first, then the remaining counties. Tom Robinson discussed how the ER 2P will roll out. Eric reminded the group that staff are not to provide any JNET Clean or Type III information to constables, as they are not an approved agency via CRIHA.

FETC – Todd Burns discussed new Legislation in reporting any firearm discharge other than training. Mark Murray mentioned that AOPC's incident reporting section may be able to be modified to add this feature to the incident reporting. Todd announced that officers who leave a department and return within 12 months need only provide new fingerprint cards. If they return between 13-24 months they would have to complete any basic training they missed and provide fingerprint cards. In excess of 24 months they would have to abide by the qualifications of a new hire. Todd announced that new agencies will have to submit fingerprint cards to PSP and receive them back before an officer can attend the BTA. State and NCIC record checks are now required to be obtained from PSP. There is a new weapon change procedure. The officer will only have to re-qualify the make, model or caliber of the weapon if changed. There was a discussion on firearm instructor's dress code for the classroom portion, now business casual.

Sentencing Commission – Carrie Peters was not present. There is staff training on website.

PBPP – Probation Services, Bill McDevitt advised that there is a parole symposium at Villanova University on April 16, 2010. Bill discussed the grant-in-aid funding. Supervision Fee remittance has been invoiced to Treasury. It is down 1.5% for the first half of 2009. Bill announced that the standards audits for 2010 are currently being conducted in the Eastern part of the state. If the vacant Director of Court Services position for Western Pa is not filled by July 1st Tom Dougherty may be temporarily assigned to the West to conduct audits. The Board has stopped accepting hand written 308 cards and the process seems to be working well. Bill discussed Greg Young, the new Director of Training. Bill reported he is on board with providing the best training opportunities possible with the resources available.

Interstate – Margaret Thompson announced that ICOTS is up and running in 60 of the 65 counties and in six State supervision offices. Williamsport and Altoona will be next to go on line and all PBPP offices will be on line by the end of 2010, except Philadelphia. The interstate training at the BTA is reduced to two hours. They will offer more webex training. On April 19, 2010 the State Council will be meeting. Contact Dan Hoover if there are any issues.

Legal – Linda Laub reviewed Senate Bill 1193. It mirrors the Hawaii Hope Program. It reduced drug tests by 83%, had 70% fewer missed appointments and 50% of participants never missed an appointment with all negative drug screens. She discussed Judicial Power to release inmates. It was initially in Chapter 63, which has been moved to TITLE 42. It has been discussed in the DA meeting. It has been on the books since 1911. She suggested keeping the status quo.

CCAP – No Report

IV. Officers Report

- **President** – no report
- **Vice President** – no report
- **Treasurer** – Conway reviewed the organization finances. This is the best financial situation they have had since he has been Executive Director
- **Secretary** – Conway moved to have minutes approved from last meeting.
- **Executive Director** – Conway announced the formation of the Safety Committee and Standards Committee. Contact Mike Potteiger, Sally Barry or Conway if interested. Conway announced and recognized achievement: James Rieland, Director, Allegheny County, John Conlon, Director, Lackawanna County; James Boyd, Deputy Director, Erie County and Ted Johnson received the Director of the Year Award for 2010. In addition, Dan Hoover, Franklin County was appointed to Interstate Committee and Mark Wilson, Lancaster County to the Advisory Committee on Probation. The association presented a plaque to Doug Weaver, Blair County for his retirement. Conway discussed Senate Bill 1193 and Judicial Power to Release Inmates. Conway announced calendar of events and meeting dates.

V. Committee Reports – None

VI. New Business – None

VII. Unfinished Business - None

Adjournment

Attendance Roster

Chris Pawlowski	Delaware Co.	Mark Murray	Delaware Co.
Lyle Herr	Cumberland Co.	Wm. J. McDevitt, Jr.	PBPP
Leslee Frymyer	PBPP	Vicki Saylor	Somerset Co.
Jim Miller	Montour Co.	Tom Radel	Perry Co.
Michelle Beaver	Juniata Co.	Rick Parsons	Montgomery
Chris Murphy	Chester Co.	Sean Ryan	Bucks Co.
Jim Sweitzer	Berks Co.	Nancy Xavios	Berks Co.
Richard Forry	Berks Co.	Dan Blahusch	Federal Prob.
Michael Vecchio	Luzern Co.	Tom Robinson	DSI
Sally Barry	Lebanon Co.	Rich Worley	Lebanon Co.

Jason Foltz	Clinton Co.	Neil Stefanisko	Schuylkill Co.
Luann Yohn	Lycoming Co.	Charles Hoyt	Phila. Co.
Linda Chovan	US Probation	Tom McCaffery	Allegheny Co.
Trevor Oates	Crawford Co.	Nick Loiacona	Crawford Co.
Mark Wilson	Lancaster Co.	Kerri Martin	Lancaster Co.
Joe Szeliga	Schuylkill Co.	Chris Boyd	Adams Co.
Dave Stager	Tioga Co.	Jim Chapman	Wayne Co.
Doug Weaver	Blair Co.	Scott Schultz	Blair Co.
Tom Shea	Blair Co.	Michael Yasenchak	Northumberland
Dave Wondoloski	North Cumberland	Joseph Mecca	Lackawanna
Eric Webb	JNET	Tom Dougherty	PBPP
Jim Gunderman	Dauphin Co.	Al Sabol	York Co.
Amy Petricca	Butler Co.	Doug Ritson	Butler Co.
Richard Kipp	The Kipp Group	David Hartman	Armstrong Co.
Jim Strader	PCCD	Mike Potteiger	Dauphin Co.
Carl McKee	Warren Co.	Steve Barnett	Forest Co.
Bob Dougherty	Venango Co.	Margaret Thompson	PBPP
Linda Laub	PBPP	Todd Burns	FETC
Angela Sweigart	FETC	Stephen Tone	Northampton
Craig Wise	Greene Co.	John Moshier	Potter Co.
Amy Petruccia	Butler C.		