

County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers Association of PA
General Business Meeting
Friday, March 8, 2019
Days Inn State College, PA

Chief POs in attendance: Gale Kendall (Adams), Frank Scherer (Allegheny), Regina Himes (Armstrong), Bob Williams (Berks), Cory Seymour (Blair), Justin Popovich (Bradford), Christine Shenk (Bucks), Rick Parsons (Carbon), Tom Backenstoe (Centre), Chris Murphy (Chester), Jason Foltz (Clinton), Darby Christlieb (Cumberland), Chad Libby (Dauphin), Michael Raith (Delaware), Andy Hathorn (Elk), Paul Markiewicz (Erie), Dan Hoover (Franklin), Dan Miller (Fulton), Leonard Hahn (Huntingdon), Paul Ruffner (Jefferson), Michelle Beaver (Juniata), Mark Wilson (Lancaster), Jamie Jendrysik (Lawrence), Sally Barry (Lebanon), Ann Marie Egizio (Lehigh), Michael Vecchio (Luzerne), Todd Harpster (Mifflin), Bernie Sikora (Monroe), Michael Gordon (Montgomery), Jim Miller (Montour), Tim Heitzman (Northumberland), Roger Miller (Perry), Jeff Angradi (Pike), Brian Abel (Potter), Vicki Saylor (Somerset), Dave Stager (Tioga), Bob Daugherty (Venango), Carl McKee (Warren), Sharon Bold (Westmoreland), April Billet-Barclay (York).

Others in attendance: Chris Franceschi (Armstrong), Amanda Moore (Blair), Chris Pawlowski (Chester), Rick Marinari (Chester), Trevor Oates (Crawford), Gretchen Anderson (Dauphin), Mike Shrauder (Dauphin), Danielle Hibberd (Delaware), Jennifer Quagliani (Elk), Rick Wienczkowski (Erie), Ashlee Rosner (Fayette), Amber Snedeker (Huntingdon), Audrey Rakow (Lebanon), Carmen Lopresto (Luzerne), Ryan Smeltzer (Mifflin), Brian Updegrave (Northumberland), Michelle Orris (Perry), Troy Freeman (Tioga), Donald Overmoyer (York), Rhys Kershaw (York), Mike Stough (York).

Helene Placey (CCAPPOAP), Nevin Warner (AOPC), Christian Stephens (PBPP), Tom Dougherty (PBPP), Mike Pennington (PCCD), Carrie Peters (PCS), Ryan Myers (PCS).

Meeting called to order: by President Mark Wilson at 9:02 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome: President Mark Wilson welcomed new chiefs and introduced Gale Kendall, the Executive Director of Probation and Parole in Adams County, and Christine Shenk, Acting Chief in Bucks County who were in attendance. Darlene Miller was recently appointed Chief in Philadelphia but was unable to attend the meeting.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President

Nothing to report

Vice-President

Nothing to report

Secretary

Paul Ruffner introduced minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on Friday, December 7, 2018. There were no additions or corrections. Motion made by Jim Miller, second by Michael Gordon to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer

April Billet-Barclay provided a report on behalf of the vacant Treasure position. She noted a tentative 2019 CCOAPPOAP operating budget was sent to the chiefs via email in February. Paul Markiewicz made a motion to approve the 2019 operating budget, second by Sally Barry (both via email). The email vote was unanimous to approve the 2019 operating budget (49 votes to approve, 0 votes oppose).

Executive Director

Helene Placey noted the following:

- MI Training for Trainers Update: The taping and coding portion of the curriculum is complete. There are 56 county adult staff members will be participating in the final phase of training over five sessions to be held in March and April, 2019. The plan is to use these certified training to conduct regional trainings held on a voluntary basis.
- Spring 2019 Implementation Leadership Academy trainings will be held in State College on May 15-17, 2019 and June 4-6 in Wilkes Barre. The maximum class size is 24, and Chiefs/Deputy Chiefs and Supervisors are encouraged to attend.
- Probation Reform: Senator Williams (SB 14) is a starting point. Proposals to place caps on terms of probation (3 years for Misdemeanor and 5 years for Felony). Place a cap on technical violators (e.g. 30 days incarceration). Eliminate split sentences (eliminating the consecutive probation portion). No revocations on non-payments. Make offenders eligible for early terminations at 18 months. Helene will summarize bill; and encourages membership to make comments. For example, Judges and DA's have offered favorable opinions of early terminations.
- JRI II: Invitation from Governor's office and DOC to attend upcoming meeting. There have been discussions about funding options, and Secretary Wetzel recognizes county probation department's role in the supervision of reentrants.
- 2019 Dues and Assessments update: 49 Chief's paid memberships, 16 non-payments. There are 87 paid associate memberships. 22 County Assessment fees remain unpaid.
- CCAPPOAP budget was sent February 28, 2019 via email to members. Motion made to accept budget by Paul Markiewicz, second by Sally Barry. Motion passed by e-vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statewide EBP Committee

Mark Wilson reported that the full team met in February, Chief's subcommittee met yesterday. Bill Burrell and Mark will present at the CJAB conference on April 9, 2019 in State College. Chad Libby will also be presenting at this conference.

Goal Team 1: A Specialized Risk/needs assessment survey was sent out to all chiefs via Survey Monkey. Everyone to complete the survey monkey that has been emailed to all chiefs. Chad Libby reported that fifty-two out of sixty-five responses received to date.

Goal Team 2: Bob Williams reported that the blueprint will be out in June as the document is undergoing final edits and ready to go to print.

Goal Team 4: Rick Parsons reported on definition of recidivism. It is defined as a new felony or misdemeanor charge sustained by a judicial officer. It will be measured for three years from the start of the period of supervision, whether probation, county intermediate punishment or parole. If post-parole probation tail is imposed, the three years should be measured from the date of release on parole. (Note: 'sustained' does not require conviction, but simply bound over at the MDJ level.)

Firearms Committee

Michelle Beaver reported that Basics schedule is out for 2019 and Continuing Education Schedule is out as well. FCTMS on board.

Intercounty Transfer Committee

Helene reported for Nick Honyara. Counties reminded to send the point of contacts for intercounty transfers in order to update information on the Chiefs website. Email has been distributed to all chiefs.

Training Committee

No report

Program Committee

No report

Legislative Committee

Carl McKee reported on Act 53 DUI statutes. High rate of alcohol for DUI 3rd offense is now F3. DUI 4th offense is now F3. On April 22, 2019, Act 95 eliminated some license suspensions (e.g. Simple Possession).

By-Laws Committee

Darby Christlieb reported the by-laws are undergoing draft revisions. He anticipates presenting a draft of the proposed revisions at the June membership meeting.

Darby conducted an election for the vacant Treasurer position. Christopher Murphy was elected Treasurer for the association by a unanimous vote of all members present.

STATE AGENCY UPDATES

AOPC

Nevin Warner, Problem Solving Courts Analyst, reported on grants coming from AOPC for up to \$50,000 for Implementation Grants and up to \$30,000 in Discretionary Grants to enhance current operations of Treatment Courts. Grants will be reviewed by April 1, 2019. There are over seventy applications to date.

Department of Corrections

Christian Stevens reported on organizational structural changes for DOC/PBPP. There is an institutional side and a Bureau of Community Corrections side, overseen by a Deputy Secretary of Field Services. Training activities are with DOC now, and Interstate Probation Services merged with Probation Services with Tom Dougherty.

JNET

Todd Sackett reported on several features including:

- Two-year project to have arresting officers submit criminal complaints electronically to AOPC by OTN
- Recidivism project with PCCD, who has the software and JNET has the data sources that can then be applied to the software.
- Person sharing in Federated Search e.g. Delaware and Maryland records expand to NY, VA, NJ and Ohio.
- Working to make system for user friendly
- APP consolidated this month to provide federated search/warrants/photos put in one place
- 1st phase of PCCD/IP service like to share software
- Reverse address phone pick-up upcoming in Federated Search
- JNET included in BTA training
- Conference on June 6,7 at Penn Stater. Speakers needed.
- Forward success stories to Todd about JNET applications being applied for a good outcome
- County training opportunities are available, contact Todd or Monica.

PBPP-Probation Services

Tom Dougherty reported that Interstate Services are now under Probation Services as part of the merger.

- Grant-in-Aid invoices have been submitted. Supervision Funds first payment has been invoiced.
- Council will vote on Interstate Application Fee
- Rules committee meeting regarding definition of sex offender in July (Kentucky)
- He will be presenting at CJAB conference in April
- DCA newsletter will showcase Delaware County for positive contributions
- Interstate will have a training in Adams County. Future trainings in Potter/Montgomery
- BTA in Elizabethtown this week
- Electronic submission of PB325 is JNET secure. County needs to IT to get connected

PBPP- Training Division

No report

PCCD

Mike Pennington spoke about Funding Announcements

- School Safety/Security a big budget item. Funded 500 school districts \$25,000 each.
- \$7.5 mill for community violence reduction/prevention, with 120 applications received
- Strategic Planning is aware of ACT 47 which expanded DNA collections.
- Aware of EBP needs for funding; will see where this goes in future
- CIT training in State College on March 26
- April is CJAB conference

PA Commission on Sentencing

Ryan Myers reported on the Sentencing Commission's quarterly meeting held March 6 and 7th.

- Discussion on guidelines for technical and criminal violations of probation/CIP. They will hold public hearings in early June on proposed resentencing guidelines
- Amendment 5 to 7th edition. New DUI gradings with enhancements for minor present
- DUI F3, OGS 6. Consideration of mandatories and prior record score
- Do enhancements on homicide by vehicle and aggravated assault by vehicle
- Will be releasing standard seminars for April-September. Posted on web.

Pa DUI Association

Email received from Stephen Erni. CRN revisions are in the hopper.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Chad Libby reported that Michael Shrauder will be retiring in March after 31 ½ years of service. Congratulations Mr. Shrauder.

Next General Business meeting: June 21, 2019

Next Chief's Only meeting: June 20, 2019

Chris Murphy made motion to adjourn, seconded Rick Parsons. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Ruffner
Secretary