

General Business Meeting
March 15, 2013
Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center
State College, PA

I. Introduction

The March 15, 2013 Business Meeting of the County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officer's Association of Pennsylvania was called to order at 9:00 am by Sally Barry, President. All attendees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance before the American Flag.

II. Officer's Report

- **President** – Sally Barry announced the new chiefs for Allegheny and Lackawanna counties. She requested that all chiefs introduce themselves, since there are many new members in the association, Sally, Mark Wilson, Sean Ryan, Bob McCullough and Rick Parsons discussed the JRI workgroup. February was the latest meeting. They worked on defining recidivism. The next meeting will take place at the end of this month. Sally announced that they met with Mike Pottieger and representatives from PCCD regarding available \$400,000.00 of funding for Evidenced Based Practices and Strategic Planning. There is an Executive Board meeting with Mark Carey next week.
- **Vice President** – Mark Wilson announced that on March 4th he attended the PA House and Senate Budget Appropriation Hearings for the DOC and PBPP. Mark stated that 90% plus of the questions from the panel went to the DOC Secretary. Mark said that the Clarion County State Representative was the only one who asked about the G.I.A. zero percent increase. Mike Gordon said it was a good platform but goes nowhere. Rick Parsons said we should continue to attend. “We need to fight for ourselves.” PBPP and the DOC have their marching orders from the Governor. We need to work with local representatives and senators to load questions. Sean Ryan mentioned the 2000 study and said Rep. Fifer would work with the Association. Sally asked for creative ideas for the future on this issue. She said that we revised our letter this year to Governor Corbett regarding removing the cap for G.I.A. Chris Murphy asked if any response was received and the answer was “no”. Larry Wolfe asked who we could partner with because “we have no juice”. Tom Shea said possibly the Trial Judges Association. Sally mentioned several counties have significant funds being held in unspent supervision fee accounts. Sally talked about the revised PBPP state survey is positive. Jayne Smail stated that years ago the association had a winter conference in Harrisburg to tour the Capital and meet legislators. Bob said it was positive and well attended but not sure if it helped.
- **Secretary** – Michael Raith asked that the Minutes from the December 14, 2012 General Business Meeting be approved as circulated. Tom Shea made a motion. It was seconded by Dave Stager and unanimously approved by the membership.

- **Treasurer** – Sally spoke on behalf of Chad Libby. She discussed the finances of the Association. A motion was made to approve by Carl McKee and seconded by Michael Raith. It was unanimously approved by the membership.



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- **Executive Director** – Bob McCullough spoke about several pieces of Legislation. Bob stated that the Restitution Task Force made recommendations for Adult and Juvenile.

III. Committee Reports

Program – Cory Seymour discussed the Annual Conference for September 16-18th. The vendor information is going out in April. E-mails will be sent out seeking presenters. Vendors can now also setup in the hallway area outside the meeting rooms. There will be a program book with sponsors. The website is adding a tab to register for the Conference.

Legislation – Carl McKee discussed S.B. 305 Contraband Disposal. There is a lot of hoops. We have to hold onto property for two (2) years and send letter to defendants at last known address. Rick Parsons was instrumental with this Bill. There were many hands involved. Rick said to e-mail him with any questions or concerns. Carl stated that it is early in the season. Nothing has moved beyond committees.

Standards – No Report

Training – Sally said that BTA will be revamped. Bob said Tom Shuster is working with Greg from PBPP.

Inter-county – No Report

Firearms – Michelle Beaver said that the commission meets next Thursday. She said that there are two (2) slots remaining on the June Basic Training Academy.

By Laws – No Report

Technology – Bruno Mediate announced that this is a new committee of many new members. There was a conference call this past Monday. They put an agenda together. They are reviewing the UCM Project and working for fairness between counties and other counties who have other systems i.e. Loryx. Bruno discussed Inter County transferability. Sex Offender technology is being explored. Bruno said that the Chiefs website will be under this committee. Their members want to be advised of issues/concerns.

IV. Guest Speaker

Lt. Todd Harmon, PSP provided an update to the Adam Walsh Act. He stated that there has been 2,000 offenders added to the registry in the last 2 ½ months. He asked that police reports and informal reports be included with initial registration. Lt. Harmon asked to please notify him of any litigation. Victoria said that there were 3 issues: Business, I.T. and Legal. The initial dialogue to internet with SORT Sex Offender information is only added twice. On February 20th there was a productive push to eliminate errors. They will do so once per month. They walked through some issues they have been experiencing. Many photos are coming in not in perspective. She asked to always add new addresses, do not “edit” old addresses. Sean asked a question – if a defendant walks in to report an update do we have to do it, the response was State Police will do it. Mike Gordon said County Probation is not an approved Registration site. He asked for an asterisk stating we do not handle walk ins. Todd will look into it. Chris Pawlowski asked if an offender on probation/parole supervision appears at PSP barracks for annual verification – What will happen? PSP will do it. Sally stated that Corruption of minors was added therefore the DNA fee of \$250.00 should be added retrospectively. There are photo application issues. The local connections must be able to reach appropriate URL for SVP victim information. Mark Wilson and Chris Pawlowski talked about registration violations sweeps with Marshall Service, etc.



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UCM Update – Heather announced the Interfacing and Screen Scrapes are being tested. They are working with the PBPP regarding the information needed for the annual reports. Heather stated that Blair County is “live” and Lebanon County is scheduled to “go live” in two (2) weeks. Sally stated that Rita Reynolds is on the JRI Workgroup.

ICE – Representatives from the Immigration Customs Enforcement spoke to the membership about their efforts. They discussed information sharing with County Probation and provided various contacts for various parts of Pennsylvania.

V. Strategic Planning Project

The Davidson Group through Bill Davison and Art Amann provided a summary and review of the Chief survey responses. There were five (5) main areas that the Chiefs responded mostly with 17 responses. There was a general discussion. Groups were chosen and were required to prioritize the importance of both internal and external factors.



Chiefs' Surveys -
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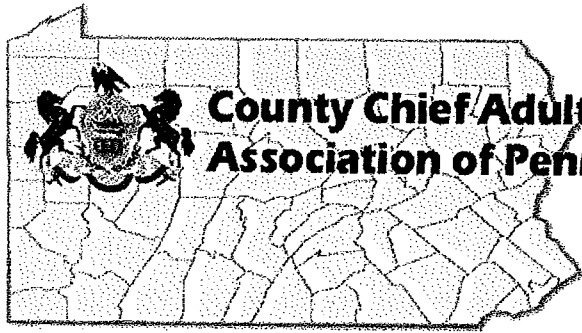
Chief Interview
RecommendationsAB.

VI. Unfinished Business – None

VII. New Business – None

Adjournment

Attendance Roster – See attached.



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Sign- Up Sheet

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