

9/23/2015

General Business Meeting
September 23, 2015
Toftrees Conference Center
State College, PA

Attendance: Bob McCullough, Sally Barry, Mark Wilson, Paul Ruffner, Chris Murphy, Regina Himes, Christopher Franceschi, Michael Climes, Ryan Meyers, Audrey Rakow, Amanda Moore, Cory Seymour, Michelle Hair, Margaret Thompson, Sandy Halicki, Eric Leydig, Sandra Larson, Jennifer Lopez, Jason Fultz, Ed Hosler, Jim Cortelyou, Tim Heitzman, Nick Loiacona, Nick Honyara, Jon Maga, Sharon Bold, Doug Bold, Troy Freeman, April Billet-Barclay, Rhys Kershaw, Donald Overmoyer, Michael Stough, Jamie Forry, Darby Christlieb, Carrie Peters, Laura Rowland, Dan Miller, Drew Washabaugh, Dan Hoover, Pam Scoran, Michelle Beaver, Todd Harpster, John Tuttle, Tom Daugherty, Daniel Heydt, Brendan Harker, Leonard Hahn, Carol Braceland, Frank Scherer, Bruno Mediate, Carl McKee, Dan Prichard, Bob Daugherty, Steve Barnett, Jeff Shaw, Paul Markiewicz, Rick Wienczkowski, Tom Young, Jeff Agrandi, Steve Houloose, Andy Hathorn, Joe Dagher, Gary Seefeldt, Lisa Redden, Eric Alwine, Michael Vecchio, Carmen LoPresto, John Argento, Tom Radel, Michelle Orris, Jamie Jendrysik, Don Neill, Bob Merwine, Joe Centurione, Andy Novak, Julie Garman, Ed McCoy, Dave Stager, Rita Reynolds, Jon Dunsinger, Jim Chapman, Fred Klunk, James Miller, Jayne Smail, Ann Marie Egizio, Jessica Arnold, Marie Bartosh, Paul Singley

Meeting called to order by President Sally Barry at 8:00 a.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation by Firearms Commission: Eric Christenson, Craig Christenson, Ron Millward, Eric Burkholder lead a lengthy discussion concerning the change in scoring for range qualification scores that will take effect in 2016 The group broke down each target and each scoring system currently in use by other law enforcement agencies including PSP, PBPP, MPOETC, County Probation and Constables. President Sally Barry led a questions-and answer session following the presentation with County Chief's in attendance.

President's Report: Sally Barry called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Welcome to newly appointed Chief's including Jeff Angrandi, Pike County, Leonard Hahn, Huntingdon County and Frank Scherer, Allegheny County.

Vice-President's Report: Mark Wilson deferred to the end of the General Membership Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Paul Ruffner presented the meetings from the minutes from the meeting on June 19, 2015. Motion to accept by Carl McKee and seconded by Dan Hoover. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Murphy presented budget of \$97,521.90 balance as of 9/23/15. Motion made by Jim Miller and seconded by Dave Stager to accept budget, motion passed.

Executive Director: Bob reported that the Chief's association sent a letter to the Firearm Education and Training Commission regarding the general membership position on the new range qualification requirements.

Bob will be submitting proposals for next year's conference. He also attended the **CCAP** annual conference in Pittsburgh on July 24, 2015 which focused on mental health issues in prison populations and community corrections. It was an all-day session and some counties report a 30% population of inmates with mental health problems. **CCAP** also voted to support Governor's Advisory Board letter with Chief's association in relation to a Criminal Justice Advisory Board. Trial Judges recommended that this would best be handled through AOPC Court Administrator Thomas Darr. The Court's and Corrections meeting was held on 8/2/2015. On September 9, 2015 Bob was invited by Judge Barrasse from Lackawanna County to serve on the Oversight committee in improve DUI treatment compliance. Meetings scheduled for September 28, 2015 in Chambersburg and December 6, 2015 at PBPP.

Presentation: J-NET Joe Centurione and Andy Novak gave a presentation on the Inter-County Case Transfer Project. It will allow for inter-county transfers between courts/state agencies regardless of case management systems being utilized by each entity. Initially, there will be "required data" with additional features added later. Flow of Data: J-Net is a network to permit back and forth messages. Routine demographics required (simple data) to transfer cases and J-Net wants to improve on timeliness of transfers at least initially. The transfer committee will make recommendations to JNET developers. **Nick Honyara** serves on this committee for the chief's association. The grant started in July, 2015 and they want to get preliminary information by November.

Joe reported that a 2 factor authentication is in place 1) procured a new solution with a one-time password and no more digital certifications to gain access. Goals for 2nd quarter 2016 will include a traffic stop night mode, new enhancements and improvements for safety. Federated Search enhancements in development include a menu on the left-hand side and the ability to only search what you need. The fall conference will be held on October 27 and 28.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EBP Committee: Chad Libby was absent. Final payment was made to the University of Pennsylvania.

Firearms Committee: Michelle Beaver reports that there is no Executive Director hired yet but expected to have appointment soon. Clerk-Typist position is open. HACC presented two Course 2 Critical Incident classes, 4 Officer Survival, 4 Wounded Officer and classes on Weapons

control, Simunitions and Advanced Fundamentals. FETC trained 60 officers at the 4 Basic Training Academies this year and plan to train at 3 BTA's in 2016. There were two CFI instructor courses for 25 officers; 11 new CFI's and 2 Master Instructors. Finally, there were 11 in-house trainings by master instructors with 27 more scheduled.

Training Committee: No Report

Legislative Committee: Carl McKee reported on SB 290 passed, Ignition Interlock bill. For first offense DUI immediate interlock upon conviction. It eliminates the 60 day wait. For 2nd offense DUI, the offender is eligible for II after 6 months. For 18 month sentence to prison, the offender is eligible for II after 9 months and can get license back after 2 months if no violations and regular driving privileges have been reinstated. Also, 2nd offense DUI now reads "sentenced before current offense". 2-part determinant: 1) conviction; 2) w/10 years prior to date of "offense." The Court will calculate 1st, 2nd, 3rd and subsequent offenses. Mark Wilson reported on Commonwealth vs. Mathis- Superior Court that in whole or in part the probation officer's ability to detain and arrest parolees and conduct a "pat-down" if reasonable suspicion this person may be armed and dangerous.

Grant-in-Aid: Chris Murphy reports that State Budget no yet passed.

Inter-county Transfer: Nick Honyara already discussed this topic at presentation.

Program Committee: Cory Seymour nothing further.

Technology Committee: Cory is looking for volunteers for this committee.

Ad Hoc Committee: Mark Wilson reported two meetings so far. A full-time Lobbyist would be a "voice" for County Probation at the Capital, aid in goal setting and achievement, advocate for funding and policy input. At a cost of \$70,000 per year, that is not feasible. A part-time lobbyist would track bills for \$25,000 per year but would not be an advocate for this association.

PRESENTATION-NALOXONE

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs: Gary Tennace, Secretary of D&A Programs presented on his executive briefing to Probation and Parole Officials regarding prescription drug and heroin overdose response. Naloxone has saved over 300 lives as administered by Police officers in the Commonwealth. Goal is to get offenders to treatment.

Tim Radar, a recovering addict and a member of Tennace's staff, reported on Naloxone. America is the #1 consumer of opioids in the world. The strongest risk factor in the use of heroin is the use of opiates. Heroin use creates a chemical reaction in the brain that at times can create an immediate addiction. Statistics show that between 2000-2013, deaths in America quadrupled, with the age group of 18-24 most common. Poly drug use increases likelihood of

abuse of opiates. In 2014, 7 deaths per day attributed to opiates in Pennsylvania, with 25,000 non-fatal overdoses per year. Causal factors include release from incarceration and offenders using the same amount as when they last used, and overdose because no longer have a tolerance. Counterfeit pills that make heroin look like oxycodone; abuse of Fentanyl; and opiates combined with alcohol. Call 911, Naloxone is safe; opiate antagonist. It is available as an Intramuscular injection or nasal spray. Causes no adverse effects. Naloxone attaches to the receptor as it has a higher affinity than opioid and replaces it in the brain. Effective in 2-5 minutes after administration, and persistent for 30-90 minutes. Call EMS as some offenders need a second dose. David's Law, Act 139-2014 has an Immunity Provision. There is a 20 minute on-line training sponsored by Chief of Police Association. Funds are available to purchase, and suggested to work through the District Attorney. Call 717-736-7484.

Jerry Spangle- DA Somerset County: spoke on statutory treatment requirements for DUI laws and alcohol being tied to violent crimes. Also, RIP sentences have 96% success rate two years out.

AGENCY UPDATES

CCAP: Rita Reynolds reported that from March-Sept, UCM added 7 adult probation departments and Allegheny County DA. No outages reported on redundant ISP with CCAP. York County had connectivity issues and there was a Microsoft Dynamics Upgrade; send any review requests to Heather. Since July, 1600 tickets received and all but 17 closed successfully. There is a high priority to resolve with Help Desk; if not, email Heather. Upcoming members include DA, 2 probation departments, Dauphin Jail, 2 counties live with Public Defenders Office, Lancaster County Pre-Trial Division, Intercounty transfer meeting tomorrow and in testing phase by December, 2015. UCM is now working with ORAS to lessen redundancy of data entry.

PBPP Probation Services: Tom Daugherty commented on lack of a state budget; however, still doing county audits at this time.

PBPP Training Division: Greg Young reported BTA will graduate 28 probation officers; some this Friday and the remainder will graduate after the defensive tactics training next week. BTA class #124 will commence on 1/11/16 with 29 participants (full class) and a waiting list. More training will be scheduled once state budget is passed. The CFI class next week is also full.

PBPP Interstate Services: ; Margaret Thompson reported she is working with a full staff component but a Commissioner is needed yet. There is a vote pending on transfer of misdemeanor offenses and some rule changes; if there are any questions please call the office. Staff will notify of any travel restrictions as always. The Performance Survey yielded 163 responses; the goal is to protect counties for liability an address short-comings. There are no

overdue activities for ICOTS and few issues to report so county probation staff is doing a good job.

PA Sentencing Commission: Ryan Meyers reported on revocation module in SGS Web. There is also an update to offense list and new OGS information such as mandatory enhancements for human trafficking. A Quick Guide was provided for revocations to be entered beginning in January, 2016 moving forward. The risk assessment project is moving forward with beta testing next summer. The Sentencing Commission is looking at 8 factors; the factor for “County” has been removed as a risk factor. Fall Sentencing Seminars can be viewed on line; there are four six-hour trainings scheduled and four 2 hour trainings being held across the state. The 7th Edition is also on-line. The Strategic Planning meeting was held in July, 2015 with Sally, Mark, Bob present and the work group made recommendations.

PBPP : Fred Klunk discussed statistical reporting and the more effective use of data generated by this survey. There are no changes for the 2015 report.

PCCD: No Report. Bob Merwine moved to hold for open discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Don Neill and seconded by Carl McKee to put new firearms qualifications “on-hold” pending further discussion. Vote is to delay implementation of new qualifications scores, motion passed. This issue is to be addressed through Michelle Beaver and her committee.

Lou Lozar from Fayette County retired; new chief is James Caccimelio.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice-President Wilson: PCCD has available 1.75 million to establish Restrictive Intermediate Punishment sentencing and treatment initiatives for level 2 offenders. Also, PCCD is part of collaboration with PBPP and DOC for \$120,000 initiative to advocate with the Governor’s Advisory Board. PCCD is working with Mark Carey on Evidence-Based Practices and a casework study will be presented to Linda Rosenberg. Mark and Sally will meet in October with Thomas Darr (AOPC) regarding Chief Association’s goal to establish a Criminal Justice Advisory Board for oversight and advocacy on behalf of County Probation Departments.

Chief’s Association Nomination Committee: April Billet-Barelay agreed to Chair the Nomination Committee. President Barry is finished with her term and will be a Member-at-Large.

Executive Director’s Salary: Discussion concerning a salary increase for Mr. McCullough. There has been no increase for several years. Also, there was discussion about an option of paying a mileage rate. It was by Dave Stager, second by Carl McKee to increase Executive

Director Salary by 5% commencing 1/1/2016. Motion passed. Also, part of motion was to increase the conference registration fee by \$25.00 to help offset pay increase.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Ruffner

Meeting adjourned at 12:00. Lunch served on pavilion. It was very tasty.

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Paul