

**County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers Association of PA**  
**General Business Meeting**  
**Friday, June 21, 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), Chris Murphy (Chester), Jayne Smail (Clarion), Nick Loiacona (Crawford), Darby Christlieb (Cumberland), Chad Libby (Dauphin), Andy Hathorn (Elk), Paul Markiewicz (Erie), James Caccimelio (Fayette), Dan Hoover (Franklin), Dan Miller (Fulton), Leonard Hahn (Huntingdon), Michael Hodak (Indiana), Paul Ruffner (Jefferson), Michelle Beaver (Juniata), Mark Wilson (Lancaster), Jamie Jendrysik (Lawrence), Sally Barry (Lebanon), Ann Marie Egizio (Lehigh), Michael Vecchio (Luzerne), Ed McCoy (Lycoming), Todd Harpster (Mifflin), Bernie Sikora (Monroe), Michael Gordon (Montgomery), Jim Miller (Montour), Tim Heitzman (Northumberland), Roger Miller (Perry), Jeff Angradi (Pike), Bo Trawitz (Snyder), Bob Daugherty (Venango), Carl McKee (Warren), April Billet-Barclay (York).

**Others in attendance:** Brendan Harker (Berks), Amanda Moore (Blair), Chris Pawlowski (Chester), Sandra Larson (Chester), Trevor Oates (Crawford), Gretchen Anderson (Dauphin), Meredith Zurin (Dauphin), Jennifer Quagliani (Elk), Doug Wilburne (Franklin), Audrey Rakow (Lebanon), Carmen Lopresto (Luzerne), Loretta Clark (Lycoming), Ryan Smeltzer (Mifflin), Michelle Orris (Perry), Kim McLaughlin (Somerset), Troy Freeman (Tioga), Eric Alwine (Westmoreland), Donald Overmoyer (York), Rhys Kershaw (York).

Helene Placey (CCAPPOAP), Alexis Noble (CCAP), Bill Burrell (EBP Consultant), Tom Dougherty (PBPP), Carrie Peters (PCS), Ryan Myers (PCS), Jennifer Hutton (PCS).

**Meeting called to order:** by President Mark Wilson at 9:03 a.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

**President's Welcome:** Mark Wilson introduced Christine Shenk, Chief Probation Officer in Bucks County.

Also, announced that Ann Marie Egizio, Chief Probation Officer of Lehigh County, is retiring effective July 25, 2019.

**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, March 8, 2019. There were no additions or corrections. Motion made by Carl McKee, second by Bob Williams to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer**

Report was submitted. Chris Murphy paid a tax bill of \$625.00. Motion made by Rick Parson, second by Andy Hawthorn to approve this bill. Motion passed. Additionally, motion made by April Billet-Barclay, second by Carl McKee to approve Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**Executive Director:**

Helene Placey noted the following:

- MI Training for Trainers Update: Twenty-three counties participated; Fifty-four (54) trainers are newly certified, with six (6) additional coaches.
- Fifty-two counties participated in the Implementation Leadership Academies offered by ACJI. There was a lot of positive feedback received about the quality of the curriculum.
- Probation Reform: Senator Williams (SB 14). Public Hearings are scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Vice-President Billet-Barclay will provide testimony at this hearing. She will present as voice for the Chief's Association on the consensus reached on several issues. (E.G., 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.
- House Bill 1555 is also a "Probation Reform" item and again, Helene will summarize the feedback she receives from Chief's involved with this association. All opinions are encouraged, either in support, objection, or others that wish to remain neutral. On its face, HB 1555 appears more comprehensive in its overall probation reform package.
- PA Sentencing Commission: Helene testified at public hearing on May 29, 2019 in Norristown, PA.
- JRI II: Invitation from Governor's office and DOC to participate in meetings. There have been discussions about funding options, and Secretary Wetzel recognizes county probation department's role in the supervision of reentrants. April Billet-Barclay testified at the June 17<sup>th</sup> House Judiciary Committee on behalf of the Chiefs Association. There is a provision in SB 500 creating the County Adult Probation Advisory Committee and SB 502 proposes Offender Supervision Funds to remain 100% in the county coffers.

- Dues and Assessments: 61 Counties paid membership dues, 4 non-payments. Eight (8) County Assessment fees remain unpaid.
- Annual Conference: September 23-25, 2019.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Statewide EBP Committee**

Bill Burrell and Mark Wilson presented at the PCCD CJAB conference on April 9, 2019 in State College. April Billet-Barclay, Helene Placey and Bill Burrell presented at the PA Bar Institute's (PBI) Criminal Law Symposium in Harrisburg on June 7, 2019.

Mr. Burrell is under contract through the middle of next year. He is working on continued funding.

Goal Team 1: (Risk/Needs and Specialized Assessments) Chad Libby requested that all County Probation Departments update which risk/needs tool is being utilized.

Goal Team 2: The Blueprint for EBP Implementation is complete and copies distributed. There will be regional forums in the fall, 2019 with counties following a "CJAB-Type" team model to provide an educational forum. It will be delivered in approximately ½ day session.

Goal Team 4: Rick Parsons reported on the Dashboard Project. He has been in contact with the Penn State Data Center to begin some preliminary discussion on what a dashboard might look like and general costs.

### **Firearms Committee**

Michelle Beaver reported that there will be a CFI course available, perhaps in the Fall. There are no purchase orders yet for the second half of trainings.

### **Intercounty Transfer Committee**

Helene Placey reported for Nick Honyara. The updated county contact information is posted on the chief's website.

### **Training Committee**

Dan Heydt was absent and Helene reported that the committee is putting together a proposed restructuring for future county-only BTAs. Any concerns about BTA housing (bed bugs) should be sent to Mark Wilson and/or Helene.

## **Program Committee**

No report

## **Legislative Committee**

Carl McKee reported that pending legislation has been discussed already.

## **By-Laws Committee**

Darby Christlieb submitted the draft revisions of the bylaws to the Executive Committee who approved the draft. The main revisions involve a consolidation of some committees, thus eliminating any committees of one person. This will lead to more actively engaged committees with goals and expectations clearly defined. The new Committee Chairs would be part of the Executive Committee.

## **STATE AGENCY UPDATES**

### **AOPC**

No report

### **Department of Corrections**

No report

### **JNET**

Todd Sackett reported on several features including:

- A Facial Recognition System is being worked on, LMS training required. It also requires collaboration with Penn Dot and CPIN. Obviously, it would help identify offenders and be useful in gang members identification and sex offender ID.
- Audit logging reporting changes will be streamlined.
- MARIS is in Phase II, probation and parole warrants with Delaware, Maryland, DC, maybe NJ by end of 2019.
- Working to make system for user friendly; user provisioning upgrades in 2020
- 1<sup>st</sup> phase of PCCD/IP/AOPC/PCCD service link to share software and reduce data entry
- Reverse address phone pick-up upcoming in Federated Search by end of 2019 (white pages)
- Recidivism project is ongoing

County training opportunities are available to customize to individual offices, contact Todd at [tsackett@pa.gov](mailto:tsackett@pa.gov).

### **PBPP-Probation Services**

Tom Daugherty reported:

- Grant-in-Aid invoices have been paid.
- Supervision Funds will be invoiced next week, with a payment to County Probation around end of July, 2019.
- GIA applications will be forwarded to Adult Probation Offices next week or the first week of July, 2019.

### **PBPP- Training Division**

Greg Young was not in attendance but provided his updates via email. Mark Wilson reported that the next BTA will be from July 22 – August 9, 2019. The class is currently full with fifty-nine (59) officers enrolled. Contact Mark with ideas about updating the BTA curriculum.

### **PCCD**

No report

### **PA Commission on Sentencing**

Ryan Myers reported that the two-hour sentencing seminars are available, as is an on-site training to individual Probation Offices if needed. They did a joint 6-hour training with Franklin, Clearfield, Center and Clinton Counties. Trainings are posted on the web.

- Amendment 5 to 7<sup>th</sup> edition. Sent to General Assembly, effective date of January 1, 2020. New DUI gradings with enhancements for minor present
- DUI F3, OGS 6. Consideration of mandatories and prior record score
- New enhancements on homicide by vehicle and aggravated assault by vehicle
- Enhancement for Domestic Violence, e.g. was offense witnessed by a minor (sight/sound).
- PRS for Juvenile DUI; 2<sup>nd</sup> or subsequent offense will count on PRS
- School/Youth enhancements on PWID
- Murder 1, OGS 15; Murder II, OGS 15 (on SGS Web)
- Met at great length at June meeting on resentencing. Tech violation of probation would use original guidelines but with a new conviction would shift 1 pointy on PRS. I would not shift a PRS of 5 to REFEL or a REFEL to a REVOC
- Nothing going forward on Risk assessment instrument.

### **Pa DUI Association**

No report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chris Murphy will be coordinating an order to purchase Chief's Association shirts.

Probation and Parole Week: July 21-27, 2019

Next General Business meeting: September 25, 2019

Annual Conference September 23-24, 2019

Carl McKee made motion to adjourn, seconded Ann Marie Egizio. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Ruffner

Secretary

