

General Business Meeting
September 22, 2010
Toftrees Golf Resort & Conference Center
State College, PA

I. Introduction

The September 22, 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.

II. Agency Updates

JNET – Eric Webb discussed JNET address search and pilot program scheduled for October 2010. They are upgrading JNET warrant search. It will bring back docket numbers as part of the search process. There is a new transaction report, there is also a new release for the criminal history expiration report. User detail report is available to the registrars. Eric mentioned that there are now two (2) staff on helpdesk, there is now a ticket program for help desk issues. Eric discussed the JNET Web Services “System talking to Systems”. Eric discussed electronic reporting-data will now be shared.

Sentencing Commission – Mark Bergstrom, Carrie Peters discussed new commission duties since 2008. New guidelines for re-sentencing, guidelines for parole, re-parole and board re-commitment ranges. There are new mandates for monitoring, etc. This is for improved public safety and to provide better coordination between sentencing and parole. They are looking at risk factors and sentencing. Senate Bill 1161: Risk Assessments used at sentencing will go through the House next week and should pass this session. There are 15 counties partnering with the Sentencing Commission to do data collection. There are upgrades in the SGS Web. They are looking to collect “risk factors” ie. juvenile information, education, employment. Discussed features to reentry in SGS Web. They will roll out new module in 2011. Carrie presented and displayed the fields in the SGS Web regarding the reentry plan. There was an open discussion regarding one (1) branch of government imposing additional unfunded mandates on the Judiciary.

PCCD – Jim Strater commended Jennifer Lopz, Chester County on her presentation. Jim discuss the importance in the categories and criteria for funding when submitting grant request. Jim stated that most of the 45 million dollars from the stimulus funds have been allocated. He discussed the feedback, which they received. The reporting requirements are very arduous. PCCD wants to provide a digital dashboard to Local CJABS to accumulate data to set priorities and for planning. Jim stated that State Agencies need to work better together through the State CJAB.

CCAP – Amy Rehmeyer announced that there are 27 counties enrolled and 6 in progress. She discussed the DA Office’s tools for providing to JNET. There have been approximately 50 people trained in DQ2. Amy discussed the DSI buyout and the delay in process. DSI wants out of the reporting business. There was an open discussion regarding DSI’s new web base system. She discussed new opportunities, ie. Crystal reports workshop & standards regarding status codes for JNET and that they are working with the AOPC to get current Judge Lists.

PBPP – Probation Services – Bill McDevitt – Bill mentioned opportunities for jobs in central Pennsylvania for clients. The Bureau of Probation Services is down 30% in staffing. Bill discussed the annual Statistical Report and trying to use state agencies to provide information in the future. Grant-In-Aid is reduced for 2010-2011 (\$17,278,000.00). Bill says supervision fees will bring the aid to 69%. Everything is up in the air for the future with the new administration. Bill discussed the revision regarding the Right to Know (Rule 509). Bill stated that Linda Laub is working with the AOPC and General Counsel. There is now a 4th edition book. He will order copies. Bill discussed Legislation for Confiscated property.

Interstate – Margaret Thompson – Margaret mentioned Act 120 issues. She discussed ICOTS and that there are only four (4) non-county users. They are now getting Board Agents up to speed with ICOTS. She asked to notification of users who leave employment. The National Commission will audit Pennsylvania in April 2001; therefore, they will need some information from the counties. Margaret discussed requests for clean up of cases that we entered in error. She mentioned an annual meeting in October 10 – 12, 2010 for just the commissioners.

Legal – No Report

FETC – Scott Schlecter presented an update that “technically there is no staff in the Commission”. Todd Burns due back on September 27, 2010. Diane Schaffer kept things a float. 2011 – training on maintaining their weapons. They are redoing course of fire. They are updating classroom basic training. Sally Barry, Lebanon County discussed ammunition training.

III. Officers Report

- **President** – Deferred to end
- **Vice President** – no report
- **Secretary** – Michael Raith made a motion to accept minutes from June meeting. There was a second and minutes passed unanimously.
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Conway presented a power point on the finances of the association. As of Sunday night there \$27,000.00 in gross income from the conference. This is the highest ever. There is \$106,615.00 cash presently on hand.
- **Executive Director’s Report** – See attachment

IV. Committee Reports

- **Firearms** – no report
- **Training** - no report
- **Legislation** – no report
- **Intercounty** – Nick asked to please use forms. They asked for volunteers for the Committee.
- **Technology** – Carl McKee reiterated DSI/ER2 issues. DSI doing upgrades without receiving fee – shows commitment.

- V. **Unfinished Business/New Business** – Mike Potteiger, discussed HB 176, regarding synthetic drugs. Sally Barry has been tracking issue. She spoke with the sponsor of the Bill. She discussed bath salts – there are not field test available. Blair county has added this use to their Rules and Regulations and Lackawanna County is also in the process as well. Mike discussed Chris Boyd's vacancy as member at large. Election at December meeting. Mike mentioned that he met with Tom Corbett and Staff. He has also been trying to meet with Dan Onorato and his Staff. This is in regards to Funding Support for county probation offices. Mike would like a "seat at the table" during the budget process. Mike discuss that executive board wants additional funding for presently unfunded positions. There has been a cap on position reimbursement since 1991.

Conway was applauded for his service to the Association.

VI. Adjournment