

**Attendance:** Mark Wilson, Chris Murphy, Sally Barry, Dan Hoover, Helene Placey, Cory Seymour, April Billet-Barclay, Meredith Zurin, Chad Libby, Margaret Thompson, Bill Burrell, Laura Rowland, Regina Himes, Thomas Backenstone, Jayne Smail, Jason Foltz, Steven Barnett, Leonard Hahn, Michelle Beaver, Ann Marie Egizio, Ed McCoy, Gary Seefeldt, Todd Harpster, Mike Gordon, James Miler, Roger Miller, Carl McKee, Sharon Bold, Audrey Rakon, Michelle Orris, Mike Stough, Donald Overmoyer, Carrie Peters, Ryan Meyers, Lisa Redder, Amanda Moore, James Caccimelio, Paul Markiewicz, Rick Wienczkowski, Paul Ruffner, Craig Wise, Steve Houloose, Jeff Andrade, Tory Freeman, Bob Williams, Brendan Harker, Robert Merwine

The meeting began at 9:05 with the pledge and introductions. Bob McCullough retired. Helene Placey was awarded the position effective May 1st. Helene worked for the Sentencing Commissioner for 20 years and prior to that worked in Dauphin County as a Probation Officer. Please introduce your self to Helene if you don't know her.

**President's Report:**

- Meetings with legislators to educate re: JRI II and EBP Implementation. These meetings eventually also included discussions of HB 218 which eliminates adult and juvenile GIA and IPP funding. Initial meetings were not successful. Did meeting with Frank Ryan from Lebanon County who spent quite a bit of time with Sally and Mark and asked for information and research to further educate himself. He then reached out to schedule a follow up meeting with Sally. He is good friends with Ron Marsico. Rep. Ryan is interested in being a primary sponsor of JRI II. As a result, Sally and Mark have an upcoming meeting with Ron Marsico.
- HB 218 – Mark is educating his reps and senators and sending letters. Mark is willing to share his information for anyone else who would like to reach out to their reps and senators.
- Tom Backenstone from Centre County and Roger Miller from Perry County are new Chiefs were introduced and welcomed.

**Vice President's Report:**

- Represented the association at a pretrial conference put on by the National Center of State Courts. The focus was the use of monetary bail. New legislation is pending that gives the PJ the option to eliminate monetary bail and probation departments to establish pretrial programs HB 1092. Also legislation SB 449 to require pretrial bail risk assessments. Tom Darr with the AOPC will be putting to together a committee of Judges to address some of these concerns.
- This is a hot topic at the national level. Defendants held in jail on small amounts of bail. New Jersey recently passed legislation to eliminate money bail and to implement risk assessment tools.
- Pa Pretrial association conference is in October 11-13 in State College
- National Pretrial Association Conference is in Pittsburgh

**Secretary Report:**

**Treasurer Report:**

- 1825 deposited since last meeting. 5284 in invoices. \$ 140009.23 is total balance of our account. Cory's report was voted on and accepted by the association.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Association address was updated to a PO Box.
- Helene now has business cards.
- Spending a lot of time purging documents from the early 80's. Helene is more electronic based.
- Attended 10 County regional Court Administrator Meeting – PAJCIS is asking for only 4 pieces of information – admission, discharge, drug of choice and reason for discharge. The hope is to eventually connect it with CPCMS to track life time recidivism. Helene gave an update on EBP.
- Conference planning – working on speakers with the hope to have it finalized by July and to the chiefs.
- Creating a data base to archive questions Chiefs send through the list serve to check before sending emails to the association. It will be topical based.
- Helene will complete the analysis of the survey Sally Barry sent asking questions of chiefs. The information will be posted on the website.
- Helene is taking over management of the website from Cory and his staff.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Statewide EBP:** Canceled April and May meetings due to lack of availability. Met on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Refocusing Bill Burrell's efforts on goal team #2. The major piece is a blue print or road map of EBP. The plan is almost done and ready for review by the leadership team and out to the association for the September meeting. An implementation schedule will be developed also. A survey will be coming out again soon to assess where each County is with implementation of EBP. This will allow the group to focus planning around the needs of specific counties. The survey should be out in two weeks.
- **Firearms Commission:** Joe will soon have a new list of Continuing Education training options out to the Chiefs. Please remind officers about safety. It is important to practice the skills.
- **Training Committee:** No update
- **Legislative Committee:** No update
- **Grant-In-Aid:** Ongoing concerns due to HB 218. Some County Commissioners are hosting informational sessions with representatives and senators. Senate is working on their own budget.
- **Inter-County:** No Update
- **Programs:** Reminder September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Chiefs conference. 20<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Book your room ASAP. They fill up quickly.
- **Technology:** Intercounty transfer committee for UCM is meeting in July. See Carl if interested in participating.
- **By-Laws:** No updates

**MASCA/PAPPC Conference Recap:** Sally Barry was awarded the Founders Award and Bob McCullough was awarded the Harold Miller Community Service Award. Congratulations Bob and Sally!

It was an excellent conference focused on wellness of officers and their wellbeing.

**CMK Tech:**

**State Agency Updates:**

- **PBPP – Probation Services:** No update
- **PBPP- Training Division:** Greg was unable to attend. He provided an update to Helene. The September BTA was canceled. Apparently the board hired 150 new positions and needed to get them training. There are no additional BTA sessions before January. This creates concerns for Counties. Greg is requesting to know the total number of staff each county has that need trained as well as any anticipated people they will need trained. If there is significant need, he will try to work in another class. Helene will send a survey to the counties in the next week or so to obtain this information. She will also notify Greg of the burden this places on the counties.
- **PBPP-Interstate Services:** No update
- **PA Commission on Sentencing:** Amendment 4 of the sentencing guidelines were voted on and approved at the last commission meeting along with the risk tool. Please check the sentencing commission's website for the changes.
- **J-Net:** The JNET intercounty transfer module is complete. They are looking for Counties and vendors who are willing to pilot the program. JNET was also tasked by the governor with developing a tracking system for marijuana prescriptions. They system is almost complete.
- **PCCD:** Bob Merwine, Naloxone is carried by some county probation departments. PCCD will be looking to identify one contact per county to distribute and provide oversight for distribution. Wednesday, Commission meeting – all 15 pending applications have been approved. PCCD is hoping to replicate this type of grant in the next fiscal year for the Counties. PCCD is crafting the solicitation right now. HB 218 zeros out CIP funding. PCCD will be sending letters to every impacted senators and house reps. The letter will include the direct impact to their county of elimination of the funding. If the funding is not in the budget, year 2 of the current grants will be eliminated.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Mark Wilson was invited to attend a meeting with Chairman Leo Dunn to discuss ways the board can work with their partners to improve relationships and to learn who the board is perceived. Mark did attend the meeting. He discussed the merger. NO new updates. Discussed BTA. The parole board is moving toward a mobile work force. All agents were provided iPads. They will be closing some of their sub offices including Lancaster's sub office. The Board will be asking for more positions next year as well. Mark explained the association's concerns with the state audits and counties not being in compliance with standards. The

concern is that the Counties are just at the beginning phases of implementing EBP and are being dinged on lack of compliance with standards. We are requesting to suspend the audits for a few years. Leo Dunn indicated he would discuss it with the Board. He wants to meet 2 times per year. If you have concerns that Mark can address at these meetings, please email them to Helene. A suggestion was made to tailor audits based on what is developed in PA around EBP. Sally requested we send a formal letter to the Board. Sally made a motion to send a letter and Carl seconded it. All were in favor of sending the letter. Bill Burrell will draft the letter.

- Cory Seymour requested an escrow account for those counties that contract with BTM in case something happens to the creators/owners of the case management system or the business goes bankrupt, the counties will have access to the source code of the system so the Counties can still use the system in the future. A motion was made and seconded and all voted in favor for the association to have the solicitor look at this issue.
- If you have ideas for topics for the conference, please email Helene.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:15