

Capital Region Council of Governments Board of Delegates Meeting

Hampden Township Building, Room 202

Monday, November 21, 2016 7:00 PM

**M I N U T E S** (approved February 20, 2017)

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

Conewago Township, Gary Painter  
Dauphin Borough, Trudy Koppenhaver  
Dillsburg Borough, Mark Ryder  
East Hanover Township, Paul Cornell  
East Pennsboro Township, John Kuntzelman  
Goldsboro Borough, Robert Charles  
Hampden Township, Nate Silcox  
Highspire Borough, Terry Watts

Lemoyne Borough, David Beasley  
Londonderry Township, Anna Dale  
Lower Allen Township, Jack Simpson  
Lower Paxton Township, Bill Seeds  
Lower Swatara Township, Chief Williamson  
Mechanicsburg Borough John Anthony  
Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher  
Monaghan Township, Vicki Aycock  
Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl  
New Cumberland Borough, Robert Kline

Royalton Borough, Terry Watts  
South Hanover Township, Stephen Cordaro  
Susquehanna Township, Tom Pyne  
Swatara Township, Tom Connolly  
Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin  
West Hanover Township, Tom Stewart  
Wormleysburg Borough, Sue Stuart

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jim Hertzler, Cumberland County Commissioner  
Lee Murphy, DEP  
East Pennsboro Township, Dearan Quigley

Gary Myers, Incoming Executive Director  
Ann Simonetti, CapCOG Executive Director  
James Keating, Cumberland County District Attorney's Office  
Ed Marsico, Dauphin County District Attorney's Office

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Camp Hill Borough	Hummelstown Borough	Silver Spring Township
Carlisle Borough	Middletown Borough	South Middleton Township
Carroll Township	North Middleton Township	Steelton Borough
Derry Township	Paxtang Borough	
Fairview Township	Penbrook Borough	
Harrisburg City	Shiremanstown Borough	

President Nate Silcox called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.  
Round table introductions were made.

**Consent Agenda:** Silcox asked for edits to any consent agenda items. He asked for a motion to approve the October 2016 Minutes and the October Treasurer's Reports. Moved by Robert Charles, seconded by Sue Stewart, and passed unanimously.

**Presentation:**

Silcox introduced Ed Marsico, District Attorney, Dauphin County and Jamie Keating, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. District Attorney, Cumberland County. The guests discussed the heroin and opioid issues facing their counties. Some highlights are below:

- There was a decrease in heroin in the 2000's. In the last 7-8 years, there has been an increase and there is no obvious reason.
- Pennsylvania is 8<sup>th</sup> in the country for heroin overdoses; 52% increase in Dauphin County and 17% increase in Cumberland County since 2014.
- Dauphin County is seeing an increase in Fentanyl usage which gives a greater high than heroin.
- Supply typically comes from the Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York.
- Usage is hard hitting in suburban and rural areas. Usage crosses all populations and geography.
- Naloxone is helping; 500+/- lives were saved in PA in 2015.

- However, some individuals will overdose several times a day. There is legislation currently to address how this should be handled.
- Heroin is big business. Dealers aren't users; they are businessmen.
- The impact on the economy is significant.
- Cumberland County Drug Task Force is now full time. Hampden, Silver Spring, East Pennsboro, Mechanicsburg and Upper Allen have provided Police Officers to serve full time on the Task Force. They were previously part time.
- Attendees asked questions about treatment and re-entry strategies for addicts.
  - Medically assisted treatment – one shot/month but the cost is \$1000 per shot.
  - There is an evaluation of traditional treatments (e.g., 28-day treatment programs) to determine if they are effective.
  - The challenge is to identify effective treatments and re-entry strategies.
- Attendees asked how to prevent addiction.
  - Education is critical.
  - Interrupt the supply.
  - Parents – we need to reach out to them differently to educate them and help them identify symptoms and treatment options.

### **Executive Director's Report**

A written report was distributed. Simonetti further provided an update on these CapCOG efforts:

- DEP has a new GIS mapping tool. Simonetti will forward information to Delegates.
- West Shore Chamber newsletter has our Annual Dinner flyer in their newsletter. Please register if you haven't.
- Participated in many meetings.

### **Old Business:**

- Gary Myers reviewed the 2017 Budget. Motion made by Ken Martin to approve the budget. Seconded by Robert Charles. Unanimously approved.
- Myers provided an update on the Emergency Services Position.
  - We need a resolution for MAP Grant application. Rob Brady and the Public Safety Committee have provided a lot of help putting the grant application together.
  - Budget will be provided in the future; it will be a balanced budget. Trying to secure funding from Cumberland, Dauphin, and York counties, but it will include volunteer firefighter contributions. We are asking for \$5,000 - \$10,000 from counties and \$30,000 from DCED. Then, we will determine how much will come from participating volunteer fire companies and municipalities – participation will be voluntary.
  - Jim Fisher made a motion to endorse/support a resolution for the Emergency Services Position. Robert Charles seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Simonetti provided an update on the Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Codes Department.
  - DEP wants to be sure we have members interested in starting a Building Codes Department. Expressing interest doesn't obligate a municipality.
  - Myers will make changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement and send to Delegates.
- Simonetti provided an update on MS4 Coordinator.
  - Center for Watershed Protection still has not heard if grant dollars are available from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Hope to hear by beginning of December.
  - We will keep you apprised.

### **New Business:**

- Gary Myers was appointed as the 2017 Right-to-Know Officer. Motion made by Tom Stewart. Seconded by Tom Clark. Unanimously approved.

**County and Planning Commission Reports** *(reports are sent via email to the municipalities in that county.)*

**Cumberland County** – A printed copy of this report was shared with Cumberland County municipalities.

**Dauphin County** – Land bank program is working well. A vacant ranch house renovation completed in Harrisburg and sold for \$120,000. Held a ribbon cutting for five new townhouses that were renovated. Farmland Preservation program preserved 16,500 acres in November. Program for an easement and development rights on property purchased for \$180,000 with state and county splitting the cost evenly. Since 1992, the county began purchasing easements that have preserved over 150 farms in Dauphin County. Lower Dauphin School District and Hummelstown Police Department had a meeting about the Heroin and Opioid addiction problem which went very well. Christmas at Fort Hunter is coming up; kick off on December 1 through December 31. Information available at [dauphincounty.org](http://dauphincounty.org).

**York County** – Mark Ryder shared the following: MR – Our Children & Youth & Families department was restored to a full license by the state. The preliminary 2017 budget will be presented November 30. Our new Communications Director, Mark Walters, started on November 2.

**Committee Reports:**

**Chesapeake Bay** – Simonetti participated in conference call Ad Hoc Committee – what is the best way for municipalities to get information about what you need to do locally for your stormwater clean-up. Should it be shared with state associations and disseminated through them? Should hard copies be sent via snail mail? Should it be shared via email? What method works best for you? Free copies of Bay News would be helpful; they come electronically. Ann will ensure that municipalities get Bay News e-newsletter.

**Legislative Update** – Silcox provide a written report. Legislature adjourns November 30, 2016. Nate shared House Bill 1683 Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters. Now signed into law as Act 172. Gives municipalities option to provide a tax credit based on EIT or property tax to volunteer firefighters and EMS. Harrisburg Financial Reforms Pack (Senate Bills 340-344) is a result of Harrisburg financial situation. This did not pass. Radar (SB 535) passed the Senate but House didn't take it up before the end of session. Only three negative votes in Senate. Continue to reach out to state Senators and Representatives. Senate Bill 976 dealing with body cameras did not pass, but there was a lot of good discussion.

**PACOG** – Kuntzelman attended the PACOG annual conference held in conjunction with the PSAB Conference on October 14-15 at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg.

**Public Safety Committee** – No meeting.

**UCC Appeals/Act 45** – Terry Watts - no appeals have been filed

**For the good of the order:**

Motion to cancel December meeting. Motion by Tom Connolly, seconded by Robert Charles. Unanimously approved.

This is Ann's last meeting. We thank her for her service to the COG. We have a couple of things to present including a proclamation thanking Ann for all she has done for the COG. Ann has taken the organization to a new level. Ann shared it has been her pleasure to serve everyone and she has really enjoyed her time with COG. Hampden Township presented citations for Ann as well as for Frances Myers.

Gary thanked the COG delegates for bringing him on board early to work with Ann to learn from her. She has been a tremendous help. Myers said, "Ann you are taking knowledge that you've done a terrific job, the appreciation of the people you've served. You are leaving behind a bigger, better organization because of your efforts."

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Tom Stewart, seconded by John Kuntzleman, and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2017 at the Annual Dinner.

Rhonda Campbell  
Recording Secretary