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Governor Approves Budget... No Cuts to Probation

With the conclusion of Governor Blagojevich's first legislative session, the annual budget for reimbursement to counties for probation officer salaries escaped any reductions for now. The Governor has asked the other branches and Constitutional officers to hold the line on spending increases. The Illinois Supreme Court budget was approved at last years' level. However, the budget is based on revenue assumptions that may not pan out, so there is a possibility of cuts if those revenue assumptions actually do not pan out. Any spending reductions are not likely in the first half of the state fiscal year.

The other major legislation that we were watching included IPCSA-sponsored SB 1457, which increases probation fees to \$50, subject to county approval, and institutes a \$125 fee for out-of-state transfers under the Interstate Compact. Also passed by the General Assembly was

SB 1458, our legislation to clean up the definition of a probation officer as a peace officer. It is recommended that all officers and departments write to Gov. Blagojevich to urge him to sign both SB 1457 and SB 1458.

We were also watching HB 3556, the Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) legislation, which included an increase in probation fees from \$25 to \$35, targeted only for the SOMB. This legislation is in conflict with the purposes of probation fees for all offenders, not just sex offenders. It is recommended that you write Gov. Blagojevich and urge an Amendatory Veto, to change the probation fee increase to a separate, designated fee upon offenders. You can write to:

Gov. Rod Blagojevich
207 State Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706
email: governor@state.il.us.

SB 1457 SB 1458 HB 3556

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The year is rushing by with a variety of activities and challenges. As I tend to each of these, I find myself thinking of this time period as the most exciting in the history of community corrections in Illinois. Our collective experience is meeting the results of years of research in our field. Knowledge now available to us, beckons us to put it into practice. How to do this in a large state, unique in its court services structure, diverse in its jurisdictions, is a puzzle calling out to be completed. IPCSA continues to contribute towards the solution.

I am blessed as President to be surrounded by devoted Executive Board members and Committee Chairs who share my passion for the profession and the Association. This was evidenced once again through the success of the Spring Conference in Springfield in April. Special thanks to Program Chairs Jody Blair and Sarah Spang, Resource Chairs Margi Gilmour and John Owens and all their committee members. Appreciation is extended to our hosts, the staff of Sangamon County Adult & Sangamon County Juvenile. Thanks to Ed Swies and Larry Stapleton for making the golfers' day! As always, our exhibitors' support for conferences is noted and appreciated.

As I write this, the outcome of the budget battles in Springfield remains uncertain. The Supreme Court submitted a Judicial budget including a probation line identical to last year's appropriation. Efforts have been made in Springfield to emphasize the significance of community corrections professionals in the overall public safety picture. This is a theme we need to not only continue to promote, but to continue to support through the integrity of our day to day operations in our communities. Appreciation is extended to our Legislative Liaison John McCabe, Legislative Committee Chair Mike Shaughnessy, and all CMO's who have spoken with legislators about our budget and other legislative priorities.

The Executive Board will hold its summer meeting July 24 and 25. Our Region II Representative Liz Sheehy has resigned from her position in Macon County, and hence from the Executive Board. We wish her well and thank her for her service. Individuals interested in being appointed to the remaining year of her unexpired term should contact any member of the Executive Board.

By now you will have received a separate mailing on offices open for election this fall. Also included in that mailing is the 2003 Awards Nomination Form. Please consider thoughtfully your colleagues who are deserving of nomination and take the time to submit their names. Honor those who honor the profession!

Thanks to Carol Gierut for her work on the newsletter and many other endeavors.

On behalf of the Executive Board, best wishes for a fun filled summer. We hope to see **many** of you at the Fall Conference in Peoria!

Regards,

Linda Van Dyke
IPCSA President

Committees' Representative

NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEE... ***Day/Evening Reporting Center Committee***

As the Representative Chairperson of the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association, I work as the liaison between the IPCSA Executive Board and the individual committee chairpersons. IPCSA currently has 16 committees, 26 committee chairs and over 200 committee members. These dedicated individuals are responsible for training conferences, member benefits, legislation and many issues that affect the probation and court services profession. Being a committee member is a great way to be more involved in issues that concern you. I would encourage anyone interested in joining a committee to contact the committee chair or myself for information.

After having served three years as the CMO Committee Chair, Frank Kuzmickus of Lake County completed his term at the April 14th meeting. The Executive Board thanks Frank for his work on behalf of the committee and his continued support of IPCSA. Congratulations to Sid DeLair of DuPage County and Vince Murphy of Winnebago County who were elected co-chairs of the CMO Committee and Keith Cooprider of Lake County who was elected co-chair of the Pretrial Committee. Also, congratulations to Ben Manley of Sangamon County who will chair the new Day/Evening Reporting Center Committee.

Frank Morelli
Representative Committee Chair

Substance Abuse Committee

The Substance Abuse Committee thanks the Association for another well run conference in accommodations, workshops, and entertainment. The handout table went well and we want to remind everyone there are handouts available in bulk for your office information trays. Contact Tracy Burke Bureau County for availability. Our annual silent auctions and goodies sale were a success again in St. Charles and a portion of the proceeds were donated this year to SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). It was earmarked to assist in sponsoring drug and alcohol free proms. SADD is an excellent organization and we encourage all probation offices to locate their nearest chapter and support it.

The 3-D month contest brought out another group of excellent and innovative programs to promote the 3-D month of December. Entries from Fayette Co., Henry Co., Putnam Co., Rock Island Co., and Effingham Co. were judged at the conference and after careful and exhausting deliberation, Effingham Co. was awarded first place for the second year in a row and will receive the \$100.00 prize to go to the charity of their choice. Get your ideas rolling for this year's contest. It will be in December and judging at the spring conference in Springfield, IL in 2004. Good Luck!

Please come join the substance abuse committee and become an active participant in the IPCSA. We meet at all conferences as well as meetings throughout the year. Attend any meeting you can we would love to have you. Our upcoming meetings are: 6/18/03 at the ISU Student Union Bone Center (Prairie Room) at 10:00 a.m.; 8/20/03 - ISU Student Union Bone Center (Prairie Room) - 10:00 a.m.; 9/10/03 - 2003 Fall Conference - Peoria, IL. If you need more information contact Tracy Burke 815/872-8951, Judi Nystrom 217/785-0413, or any committee member.

Committee for Gender Responsivity

Spring Conference Kick-off

The newly developed Gender Responsivity Committee hosted its first committee meeting at the IPCSA spring conference 2003. Approximately ten people were in attendance for the meeting. Several counties have been identified as currently promoting gender responsive programming throughout the state. In an effort to bring continued statewide focus, committee members plan to advocate for more gender responsive training/workshops for all state, regional, and local departments. The committee plans to work in conjunction with the Administration of the Office of Illinois Courts Statewide Workgroup. This will promote continued gender responsive awareness and support.

The Committee for Gender Responsivity will convene Friday, July 18, 2003 at 11:00 am in Bloomington, IL. All IPCSA members are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the chairs: **Toni Davis** (Kane County) 630/406-7182, **Tracy Phillabaum** (DuPage County) 630/681-2604, or **Kristen Garfield-Gentile** (AOIC) 312/793-3250.

Membership Committee

The IPCSA Membership Committee sponsored its New Member Reception at the Spring 2003 Conference in Springfield, IL. The reception welcomed 12 new members, representatives from the Executive Board, IPCSA President-Elect Mike Torchia and IPCSA President Linda Van Dyke. Thank you to all who attended and special thanks to Rosecrance Health Network for donating many of the items that were given away during the reception. Additional thanks to Mike Carey who shared information about the Association's Substance Abuse Committee and spoke for many other committees and its members by encouraging involvement with the Association and in its committees.

The Membership Committee was pleased to include at the conference five student interns as part of the Student Internship Program developed by the committee. The

One thing that stands out in my mind was the diverse ways in which the different jurisdictions of the same state dealt with many of the same issues.

Tania Murillo
Intern, Lake County Adult Probation

The interns are all students pursuing their bachelor's degree and are interested in the probation field. Ms. Carol Omer, an intern with Tazewell County Adult Probation, found the workshops, the networking, and the information offered to her to be very valuable. Ms. Omer wrote, "I appreciated the opportunity to attend this conference. I plan on having a career in probation and am eager to be part of your Association." Best of luck to each of the interns as they explore employment opportunities.

The committee's objective continues to be to recruit new members from court services departments, detention centers and other professional groups and agencies. It also plans to partner with Carol Gierut and IPCSA to create a more sophisticated membership tracking database. New projects include revisions to the IPCSA Brochure, recognition of long-time members of IPCSA, and the production of a video tape that would be used to promote and highlight the Association and its business.

The Membership Committee is currently 16 members strong and would gladly welcome additional members. If you are interested in joining the committee or IPCSA, please contact Ken Burn at 815/772-5276 or Nichole Deppe at 618/258-0021. The next Membership Committee meeting will be in July 2003 in Bloomington, IL. Please call for the exact date and time.

I have never found so many people who enjoy their work as much as the people I met and have worked with.

Lisa Kancherlapalli
Intern, DuPage County Probation & Court Services

Legislative Committee

House Bill 1415- Truants/Juvenile Court

Bill was amended; original removed truants from the Juvenile Court Act. The amendment now only requires truants be detained separate from delinquents in detention facilities and for them to have a tutor (new language 405-3/33). Motion by McGibany, second by Vargas to oppose amendment, but support language of original bill, those removed truants from Juvenile Court Act.

Senate Bill 0388- Probation Supervision Fees

Raises probation supervision fees to \$50 under certain circumstances. Referred to Rules Committee. Language of bill amended into Senate Bill 1457.

Senate Bill 0389- Probation Officer Education/Training

IPCSA sponsored legislation...referred back to Rules Committee.

Senate Bill 1457- Interstate Compact Transfer Fee

Proposed House amendment has four components: 1) raise the monthly probation fee from \$25 to \$50, still based heavily on the ability to pay, **provided the next two items are met**; 2) require a county to adopt a standardized needs assessment tool for determining the offenders ability to pay probation fees before a county can raise this fee; 3) the first \$5 of any such increase must be placed in a victims assistance fund administered by the court; and 4) for those limited number of offenders who have been sentenced to perform community services who are not otherwise sentenced to probation, yet whose community service requirement is sent to the probation department for supervision, then the \$25 or \$50 monthly probation fee would be assessed while supervised.

Senate Bill 1458-Probation Officer/Peace Officer

IPCSA sponsored bill to include arrest powers over "non-probation" cases, including juvenile informal cases and pretrial cases. Counties, Association opposed bill, thought it might be a way for probation officers to have arbitration like other peace officers. Bill to be amended to address their concerns.

House Bill 2537-Detention Staffing Levels

Bill has been amended to require State not IDOC maintain staffing levels.

House Bill 3500-Supreme Court Appropriation

State Fiscal Year 2004 provided for increase in judges salaries, large increase in court reporters funding, primarily for electronic reporting and related equipment, same funding level for probation and detention as state FY'02. Governor has asked Supreme Court to come in at last year's budget amount.

House Bill 2545-Redeploy Illinois

Patterned after Reclaim Ohio in which counties rewarded for reducing commitments to juvenile DOC. Amended to have local plan submitted to DHS instead of AOIC. No money attached to bill.

House Bill 3555-Life Time Sex Offender Supervision

Placed in subcommittee, with hearings scheduled for this summer. Need input from IPCSA Sex Offender Committee.

Resource Committee

Rich in Resources

A total of 24 vendors exhibited at the Spring Conference in Springfield. Three new vendors attended the Spring Conference along

with those vendors who have supported IPCSA consistently throughout the years.

A wide range of probation-related services available from across the state and surrounding states was on display at the conference. Conference participants were afforded an opportunity to interact with the vendors before and after the training sessions, as well as, at the Monday night social activity.

The Resource Committee encourages the IPCSA membership to consider supporting our vendors by using their services when needed and appropriate. The vendors who participated in the Spring Conference include:

- Arrowhead Ranch
- Chestnut Health Systems
- Children's Campus
- Focus House
- Gateway Youth Care
- Goodin Associates
- Homme Youth & Family Programs
- IAODAPCA
- Lincoln's Challenge
- The Lord's Ranch
- Digital Technologies 2000
- MCJ Eyecheck
- The Mill
- Norman Sleezer Youth Home
- 1-Step Detect Association
- Riveredge Hospital
- Riverside Resolve Center
- Rosecrance
- Solution Specialties
- Streamwood
- Trent Safety Services

The Resource Committee extends a big thank-you to John McCabe, Legislative Consultant, for donating 50 CUBS tickets. Kids from Rosecrance, Norman Sleezer Youth Home, and The Mill were able to attend the game on April 23, 2003 and they all had a great time!

For information about joining the Resource Committee or for more information about the vendors, please call co-chairs Margi Gilmour @ (815) 895-7193 or John Owens @ (630) 232-5805.

To obtain copies of introduced legislation
or Public Acts on the internet, go to
<http://www.legis.state.il.us>

Awards Committee

2003 Award Recipients
Send Your Nominations NOW!

The Awards Committee is looking forward to the 2003 IPCSA Fall Conference in Peoria, Illinois. At that conference, we will have the honor of presenting awards to members who have made significant contributions to their departments. All Association members are encouraged to submit candidates for the various awards. Please pay special attention to the nomination criteria when submitting nominations and make sure that a CMO or Committee Chair signature is on the nomination form. In order to be considered, **nominations must be received by August 15, 2003.**

The Awards Committee is made up of representatives from around the State of Illinois as well as the chairperson. We meet formally once per year to review the award nominations and select recipients. This year's meeting will be held in Naperville, Illinois on Friday, August 22, at 11:30 a.m. Those interested in participating on the committee should contact Sandra DeNicholas at (630) 682-6937.

IPCSA Awards are a perfect way to publicly recognize your colleagues for their dedicated service and accomplishments, so please take the time to submit nominations! See you in Peoria!

Specialized Services/Sex Offender Committee

The committee discussed sex offender training for the upcoming IPCSA fall conference in Peoria. Steve Fabbri, PSI Unit Coordinator for Lake County (IL) Probation and Donya Adkerson of Alternatives Counseling, Inc. are slated to present on treatment evaluations.

Dave Gasperin of AOIC stated that the Illinois House of Representatives recently passed the legislation on the standards for sex offender management. It now goes to the Senate for approval.

Training ideas for the 2004 spring conference were discussed. Some possible training topics include: the role of polygraph in treatment, treating denial, advanced interviewing skills, diagnostic skills, culture and religious roles in treatment and sex offender basic for new officers.

Scott Summers discussed his next article in a future issue of *Outlook* which will touch on the issues of: objective measures, polygraph, plethysmograph, the Abel Screen, and possibly some information on female sex offenders.

Dave Gasperin announced two upcoming trainings that AOIC will be coordinating including a documentary film entitled: "Stevie" which is about a juvenile sex offender. This training will be presented in Lake County – date and location to be announced. In addition, a training will be presented by ILATSA and AOIC on juvenile sex offenders. This training will take place on 5/14/03 and 5/15/03 at ISU (Bone Student Center). Further, Dave spoke about the next ATSA conference this fall, which this year will be held in St. Louis. There was a brief update on the SOMB pilot project.

There was a discussion on the status of juvenile sex offender registration in Illinois. Scott passed out a handout that presented the legislation with regard to "cleaning up" the old JSO language.

The next meeting of the Specialized Services/Sex Offender Committee will be on July 11, 2003, 10:00 a.m. at ISU/Bloomington (Bone Student Center), followed by the SOMB meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m. We hope to see many of you there at these meetings.

Victim Concerns Committee

Lines of communication have been opened with the Attorney General's Office regarding legislative changes in the interest of victims and clarifying court services' role with them. Nominations are being sought from five regions in the state for participants to be invited to a BARJ Summit to be held in Springfield, September 24 to 26, **funded almost completely through a JAIBIG grant and featuring nationally prominent leadership.** (Sally Wolfe in Ford, Chuck Michalek in Cook, Tom Schwamberger in Lee, Judy Dallas in Madison, and Gary Balgemann in DuPage can provide more information.)

The committee hopes to sponsor or provide training sessions in the fall related to communicating sensitively with victims and responding to retail theft. A directory of contact people involved in victim-related programs in probation and court services departments across the state is in the making. (Ron Elias in McHenry and Dan Smith in DuPage need surveys returned to them a.s.a.p.)

New members and observers are always welcome to our meetings. The committee meets next on July 17th at the Law and Justice Center, 104 W. Front Street, in Bloomington from 10 a.m. to noon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Committee

**!!Wonderful Job
Sangamon County!!**

The recent spring conference proved to be a success with workshops for everyone such as "Finding the Leader in You", "Detention Alternatives from a Judicial Perspective", "Understanding Psychopharmacology in Working with Clients", and "Grant Writing". There were 17 total workshops. All were very well attended and responses to the workshops by those who attended were very favorable.

New this conference was the hour plenary featuring Debbie Morris who spoke to us all on "Forgiving the Dead Man Walking" Her talk was moving, thought provoking and uplifting as well.

After a day of committee meetings and workshops, attendees took the opportunity to attend the New Member Reception followed by an evening social hosted by the Association. It was very apparent that fun was had by all. The Crowne Plaza Hotel was a beautiful place to hold this conference and was walking distance to many area restaurants.

On behalf of the Program Committee, many thanks go out to all those from Sangamon County Probation and Court Services who hosted this conference. What a wonderful and efficient job they did. The Program Committee is keenly aware of the hours of prep-time it takes to make a conference happen, and it flowed smoothly as a result of their hard work and planning. Thank you!!

**The Fall 2003 Conference is fast approaching
Mark your calendars!**

**September 10-12, 2003
Pere Marquette Hotel
Peoria, IL**

Pre-conference information will be mailed to departments as soon as possible. This fall conference, committee meetings will be held on Wednesday morning with some time changes and the business meeting will be on Friday morning. **See you in Peoria!**

Day/Evening Reporting Committee

The Day/Evening Reporting Committee members are excited about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for this committee. This work group will be seeking your opinion as we discuss options about the direction the committee should go.

We are stepping up to the starting line as a new team and a firm, well thought out, organizational plan will enhance our ability to operate efficiently. This committee will include both adult and juvenile day/evening service providers. If you have knowledge of adult programs, please contact me with that information so that it can be added to the committee's database.

If you would like additional information, please contact Ben Manley at 217/747-8052 or by email at benniem@sangamon.co.il.us.

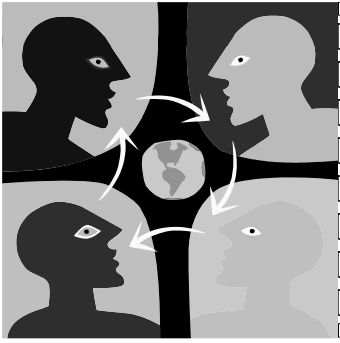
**NEW
COMMITTEE**

Domestic Violence Committee

Members of the Domestic Violence Committee continue to look at ways to address the needs and concerns of the probation officers and supervisory staff of domestic violence caseloads. The Committee sponsored its second workshop, *A Probation Response to Domestic Violence*, presented by the AOIC DV Training Staff Committee. This all-day workshop provided an overview of the basic issues related to the definition of domestic violence, dynamics of abusers and victims and strategies in managing a caseload.

At the Spring 2003 committee meeting, there was discussion of the increasing rise in caseload size and ways that some offices are exploring alternative supervision strategies. The committee is hoping to find ways to expand this discussion, via contact between conferences and at the next meeting.

If any officer or supervisor has ideas about strategies that are being used to deal with high DV caseloads, please contact Joni Gilbertson, Woodford County, at 309-467-3532 or Linda Hart, Cook Social Service, at 773-869-6056. At this time, the next scheduled meeting of the committee will be prior to the Fall 2003 conference. Members will be notified of any additional meetings.



An Argument For Specialized Domestic Violence Supervision

Probation officers throughout the country hear the same story on a daily basis. The events leading up to the violence always appear very similar. There is usually a heated confrontation over some forgettable issue. His breath reeks of alcohol and he has “that look in his eye again”. Then the situation escalates to a boiling point. Shouts become blood-curdling screams. Children and neighbors hear the frightening cries of the victim, however they are paralyzed by the horror. Her hair is then pulled violently; she is punched, strangled, and held to the floor. In the aftermath there are tears mixed with her blood, clumps of hair strewn about the room and bruises that will last an entire lifetime.

The glaring problem with this scenario is that ALL domestic violence crimes are different. Many times results will appear similar, however, the events leading up to the violence are specific to each victim and offender. The domestic violence case is arguably the most complicated offense that probation officers will face in their day-to-day activities. Complex issues are present in both supervising the offenders and dealing with the victims left in the wake of the assault that call stridently for aggressive specialized supervision of all domestic violence offenders.

Specialization in probation is not a new concept. It has been utilized successfully in the supervision of DUI offenders, sex cases, and intensive drug programs. Specialization provides probation officers with the opportunity to be better trained in their arena and can lead to more effective working relationships with judges, prosecuting and defense attorneys and treatment providers. The final result will be an officer who is highly educated and fully committed to battle their specifically assigned case.

Domestic violence caseloads are the “new kids on the block” as far as specialization goes and they appear to be a hot topic in the field of probation. Various enhanced supervision strategies are being employed throughout the state to combat violence in relationships. In the text of this article I will attempt to convince you that ALL Illinois circuits must adopt some form of specialized supervision for any domestic violence related offense. **Lethality**, the **complex case** issues,

changing legislation, **protocol-approved treatment**, and **community collaboration**, are the major reasons that will enhance the premise of this commentary. This final argument will be based on the fact probation officers are in a unique position based on our contact with the offenders and victims following adjudication. This view from the “front lines” provides opportunities for officers to be agents of positive change for victims and offenders alike. Encouraging steps have already begun throughout the state as **probation responds to domestic violence**.

Lethality Issues

Domestic violence defendants may be the most lethal offenders probation officers will confront on a daily basis. These types of offenders exhibit repetitive violent behaviors that will escalate without intervention according to most studies. There are approximately one to three million women physically abused each year annually in the United States. Of these, only 1 in 10 report the abuse to authorities. One-third of all female homicide victims is killed by their partners. To put things on a more local perspective, in 2001, Lake County, Illinois reported 20 homicides of which 9 were domestic violence in nature. All of the victims were female and just one woman utilized court intervention by obtaining an emergency order of protection. Due to the fact that domestic violence offenses are probationable and the sentences have a tendency to originate in the misdemeanor range, it is incumbent upon all departments to be proactive in their supervision of this potentially dangerous offender. Increased supervision standards must be utilized with an enhanced victim contact element incorporated in the program. Departments should also be aware that even if the primary offense is not domestic violence related, there might still be abuse issues in the relationship. The simple truth is that failure to respond with an aggressive approach could lead to the death of the victim, any children involved, and possibly others.

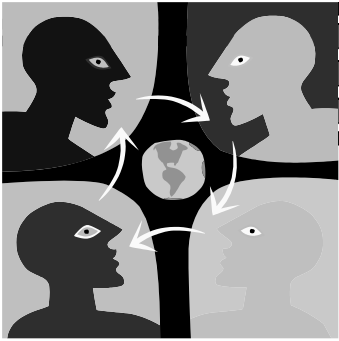
Complex Case

Are domestic violence offenders the most

difficult or complex case for officers to supervise? Legitimate arguments can be made in support of this claim based alone on the potential lethality of the offense. When supervising the domestic violence offender officers also need to focus on the victim and children involved in the relationship. If the offender is involved in a new relationship there cannot be an assumption made that his violent tendencies are over. Victims who are involved in abusive relationships pose a variety of challenges to all probation officers. Many victims are usually in “survival” mode in their relationships as they attempt to keep their home environment as stable as possible. Challenges are constant for the officers regarding the cycle of violence. Many victims will give the appearance to an untrained officer that the victim is going through a “mood swing” of sorts by her changing behavior. In actuality, the victim may be in a different phase in the cycle of violence that only the well-trained eye can address. Failure to properly attend to the needs of the victims could lead to more harm being done than good. Officers must be trained on the characteristics of the cycle of violence and be aware when they are presented. One other tactic of domestic violence offenders is to use anger or drugs/alcohol issues as an excuse for their violence. Officers must not allow offenders to use alcohol and drugs as an excuse for their violence. There is no causal relationship existing to support this claim, as alcohol/drugs will only increase the frequency and severity of the abuse. It is imperative that all probation officers supervising domestic violence cases receive basic training offered through the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and through their local jurisdictions.

Changing Domestic Violence Legislation

Domestic violence legislation has been changing since the 1986 Domestic Violence Act was enacted. There are now felony enhancements in place for Domestic Battery, Violation of Order of Protection, Aggravated Domestic Battery, and Cyber Stalking to mention a few. Full Faith and Credit was established in 2000 enabling Orders of Protection to



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be treated the same in other states as if issued by Illinois Courts.

There is also a new statewide Order of Protection form that will provide a consistent document for all victims throughout Illinois. All of these legislative changes require that departments have personnel who are up-to-date on specific legal issues that will affect the supervisions of the complex domestic violence case. Lawmakers and their constituents throughout Illinois have embraced the seriousness of domestic violence as evidenced in the current legal trends, and probation department officials must join in the overall commitment to this serious issue.

Protocol Approved Treatment

The Department of Human Services has established counseling requirements for any facilitator within the State that wishes to provide domestic violence counseling. This list of protocol-approved providers is available through the Department of Human Services to all court services/probation agencies. An offender convicted of any domestic violence related offense must be referred for a domestic violence assessment and treatment. Common mistakes are made by officers who refer offenders to anger counseling, marital services, or self-help groups instead of specific domestic violence services. Improper referrals fail to address the core needs of the domestic violence offender which include: acknowledgment that DV is a crime, group counseling, a strong emphasis on self-accountability, power and control issues, parenting skills and practical application goals. All probation officers must be required to be aware of the specific criteria in domestic violence treatment and the protocol approved providers in their area in order to properly service the offenders.

Community Collaboration

Domestic violence is a community problem. With this being said, it will take the collaborative efforts of the entire community to combat this cancer which is devastating families and relationships. Probation officials are a vital member of society and should work in conjunction with police, prosecuting attorneys, treatment providers, judges, defense counsels, and school officials, to mention a few. These participants have the ability to openly communicate about the issue at hand. Sharing of information can help save lives and allows for

a more proactive response to assist victims and offenders. Protocol development and the establishment of specialized domestic violence players in the criminal justice systems are very effective steps to take in the development of a successful collaborative effort. Family Violence Coordinating Councils are being utilized throughout the State of Illinois and are proving to be a very successful tool to get the entire community consistent in their actions to help prevent violence in relationships.

Probation Responds to Domestic Violence

Probation officers are in a unique position when it comes to dealing with domestic violence offenders and victims. They possess first-hand access to the offender, victim, any children involved, treatment providers, and the police. Officers can view the relationship from various angles and, at times, can actually observe the cycle of violence unwind.

The probation officer takes on many roles: counselor of victim and offender, enforcer of laws or conditions of probation, teacher and sometimes mentor. It is the responsibility of probation departments throughout Illinois and across the country to hear the cries of domestic violence victims and respond appropriately. We cannot supervise this heinous crime in the same manner as we would supervise a Retail Theft or an Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance offense. To do this would be in effect burying one's head in the sand to a potentially explosive situation. Domestic violence cases encompass many unique elements that a well-trained officer can respond to in an effective manner. Our position on the "front lines" makes it necessary for all departments to lead the charge and adopt a more aggressive approach to effectively supervise an offender who is arguably the most violent on our caseloads.

Many counties throughout Illinois have already implemented specialized domestic violence programs and the results thus far have been positive. For example, Lake County saw their successful completion rate rise nearly 10% since the implementation of their domestic violence unit. This was done through improved communication with the victims, treatment providers, and local police departments.

Through the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC), probation is taking an active, aggressive approach by providing specialized domestic violence training and specialized guidelines with innovative supervision alternatives for all departments statewide. Currently, domestic violence guidelines are

being penned and they will be made available to the entire state shortly. These specialized guidelines will provide departments with tangible supervision strategies that are unique, based on the fact that probation officers throughout the state are the authors.

In addition, AOIC is providing basic domestic violence training, conducted by a team of probation officers, which is available to all circuits. This training has been well received throughout the state and is effective for any officer who is supervising domestic violence offenders. For further information on the domestic violence guidelines or the domestic violence basic training please contact Judy Erickson at the Chicago AOIC office.

Additionally, through IPCSA, a new domestic violence committee has been established to continue the dialogue on probation's role regarding violence in relationships. For information on this committee please contact Linda Hart at 773/869-6056 from Cook County Social Services or Joni Gilbertson 309/467-3532 of Woodford County.

Supervision strategies are being implemented in many jurisdictions statewide. Departments must choose if they want to help lead the charge or stand pat with their antiquated supervision tactics. The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC), in conjunction with scores of probation officers has chosen to spearhead the attack on domestic violence. Their efforts thus far have been impressive. With domestic violence guidelines coming soon and basic training available to all circuits, any new or existing program can certainly improve their supervision of domestic violence cases.

Probation officers hear the stories of violence in relationships on a daily basis. The bruises, broken bones and screams all appear to have eerie similarities, however, they are all very different. It is incumbent upon all probation departments to listen to the cries of domestic violence victims and strive to establish a specialized domestic violence program, which can effectively address the supervision needs of the offender and provide services for the victims. Departments must choose to either incorporate more effective domestic violence supervision strategies or continue with antiquated tactics that fail to address the needs of domestic violence offenders and victims.

Dan Horan
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BOARD ELECTIONS ...ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

This year, the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Region I Representative, and Region III Representative are open for election to the IPCSA Executive Board. During the business meeting at the spring conference, the following individuals were nominated or have subsequently submitted their names for positions on the IPCSA Executive Board:

SANDRA DENICHOLAS (DUPAGE COUNTY) - SECRETARY

ED SWIES (COOK COUNTY ADULT) - REGION I REPRESENTATIVE

MIKE BRUNER (SANGAMON COUNTY) - REGION III REPRESENTATIVE

MIKE CAREY (CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) - TREASURER

Those members who are interested in submitting their names as candidates must submit a resume, a letter of intent, and appropriate judicial officer approval to the Nominations Committee by July 1, 2003. The following qualifications are necessary to run for office: Full membership in the Association, Active participation in committees or special projects for two years, Appropriate judicial officer approval to attend, travel, and devote time to Association business, and Verification of qualifications by Nominations/Elections Committee. If you would like more information about these positions on the IPCSA Executive Board, please contact President Linda Van Dyke at 618/258-0021, Frank Morelli at 847/377-3646 or Ed Swies at 773/869-7189.

My name is **Michael Bruner** and I am running for the position of **Region 3 Representative** to the Executive Board of the IPCSA. I have been employed in the probation and court services field for 23 years and currently hold the position of Deputy Director for Sangamon County Juvenile Probation and Court Services. Sangamon County Juvenile Probation and Court Services employs 80 staff and provides supervision and program services to over 2,000 minors each year.

By way of introduction, I started my career in Sangamon County in 1980 working the 3-11 shift as a Detention Officer. In 1984, I became a Juvenile Probation Officer and in 1985, I was promoted to the Supervisor's position for Juvenile Probation. I served in the Supervisor's position until 1987 when I was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of the Detention Center. I stayed in this position until 1990 when I moved to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts Probation Division as a Field Coordinator. As a Field Coordinator with the AOIC from 1990 to 1995, I was fortunate to serve the 2nd, 7th, and 20th Judicial Circuits. This experience provided me with a broad view of probation operations from offices that employ 1 officer to that of a department that employs over 100 staff members. This was a wonderful learning experience that I will rely on if elected as the Region 3 Representative. In 1995, I accepted a position with Macon County Probation and Court Services as the Deputy Director for Juvenile Services and later I served the department as the Deputy Director for Field Operations. While working for Macon County, I helped coordinate the complete re-design of a probation department that was transformed from one that was office-based to that of a community-based probation department. This experience taught me some core values that I use in my current position and that I hope to bring to the Executive Board.

As the Deputy Director for Sangamon County Juvenile Probation and Court Services, I work daily on trying to create opportunities for staff to grow in their professional development and I am ever aware that I need to "Model the Way." I will do the same as the Region 3 Representative.

Over the years, I have been a member of many Association committees including Detention, Pretrial, and CMO and I would like to take my membership to the next level. I have the support of my superiors in seeking this position, I will work tirelessly to enhance the ideals of the Association and I will strive to represent the best interest of all membership should I be elected.

I hope to see you at the conference in Peoria and I will be available to answer any questions you might have about my viewpoints or to discuss topics that are important to you.

Michael Bruner

My name is **Mike Carey** and I am from Champaign County. I am seeking the office of **Treasurer** for the Illinois Probation and Court Services Department. I am a 13-year veteran of probation and a 10-year, active member of the Substance Abuse Committee. Many of you may know me from the drug testing workshops I have conducted at conferences as well as throughout the state. I have enjoyed my membership in the IPCSA and now believe it is time to take my involvement to another step. I have been made aware of the duties of the Treasurer and am willing and capable of handling them.

I believe this Association is still strong despite the recent budget cuts throughout the state. We represent a vital group within the criminal justice system and promote innovative and responsible handling of our probationers. Through our initiatives, we make all departments run smoother by setting standards, sharing information, providing training, lobbying for legislation, and establishing innovative techniques. IPCSA needs to move forward during this time. Membership needs to be maintained, quality workshops and trainings continued, and conferences attended. I hope to be a part of the Executive Board of IPCSA and I will need your vote to do so. I have enjoyed my membership in this organization and I hope you do as well and vote for the candidates of your choice.

Greetings. My name is **Ed Swies** and I am seeking your support in running for the position of **Region 1 Representative** for the Executive Board of the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association (IPCSA). I am employed by the Cook County Adult Probation Department as a supervisor. I have been employed in the court services field for 27 years. I have been a member of IPCSA for 17 years having served as Chair of the Public Service Committee and as a member of the Program Committee. I have held the positions of Member-at-Large, Vice-President, and Representative Committee Chair on the Executive Board. Through my experiences, I believe I have gained valuable knowledge regarding the issues and problems, which face our profession.

Should I be elected as Region 1 Representative, I will work with others to provide quality conferences at which valuable information and contacts can be acquired in both the formal and informal setting. I pledge to work for all members to make our Association the finest court services association in the country. I will also endeavor to provide to the Association ideas to confront the financial situation that faces our profession today. Lastly, I hope to work with the new committee chairs and board members to provide the building blocks for the future success of our Association. I have enjoyed my past experiences of serving our Association. I hope you will support me in my efforts to continue to serve you. Thank you.

Ed Swies

Hello, my name is **Sandra DeNicholas** from the 18th Judicial Circuit Court and I am seeking the position of **Executive Board Secretary**. I have worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer for seven years in DuPage County, Illinois. I am a Senior Officer with this department and love my work. Throughout my career, I have facilitated trainings and participated on many committees on topics such as officer safety, assessments, department policies, and casework intervention. I am currently the Secretary of the DuPage County Juvenile Officers Association, and have served on the Executive Board in various positions for about six years.

I first became interested in IPCSA in 1997 when I joined the Program Committee. I have been honored to serve the Association on this committee and plan to do so for years to come. In October 1999, I was elected IPCSA Region 1 Representative, a position I held until November 2002. At that time, the position of Secretary became vacant and I was appointed by the Executive Board to assume that position. So far, I have enjoyed attending the Executive Board meetings and volunteering for various committees that strive to better our profession. Over the past several years, I have worked diligently at improving the professionalism of our Association. We created a website, enhanced our newsletters, and audited our finances. I want to continue striving towards excellence. Currently, I am the Chairperson of the Awards Committee, a position that has brought me much joy. It is such a pleasure to acknowledge hard working officers from across the state that is leading the country towards restorative justice.

I am proud to be part of an Association whose members continue to be the innovative leaders in enhancing public safety as well as training offenders to be productive citizens. As an officer on the Executive Board, I plan to develop trainings that will teach us the skills needed to face our unique challenges. Skills that will not only benefit officers but make our work more meaningful as well. Additionally, I look forward to working closely with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and our Legislative Committee to ensure our financial security. If elected to the position of Secretary, I will work diligently to show the community that probation and court services is the best option for providing intervention that will protect our neighborhoods and repair the harm caused by offenders.

Sandra DeNicholas

2003 GOLF OUTING



The 2003 IPCSA Golf Outing was held on Sunday, April 13th at Edgewood Golf Club in Auburn, IL. Forty five members of the Association enjoyed a beautiful day of fun and golf. We hope everyone had a good time and hope you consider participating in the 2004 golf outing. The following individuals won prizes for the special contests:

- **Men's longest drive:** Max Wollet
- **Closest to the pin:** John Owens, Kane County
- **Closest to the pin:** Gary Jakubowski, Cook County Juvenile
- **Ladies longest drive:** Heidi Furry, Vermilion County

- **The winning team:** Mike Hancox, Chuck Otte, Bill Gay, and Frank Calkins of Adams County shot 7 under par.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to all the individuals and companies who supported this event and helped to make it a success: Jamie West, Amelia Trello, and Ben Manley helped with the registration and golf day events. Eric Peterson was our cameraman for this event. Thank you John McCabe, the Association's legislative consultant, for his donation to the first place team.

Special mention and thanks to Mary Ralieggh of Riveredge Hospital for the gifts provided to every golfer and to the following who supported this event by donating prizes: the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria, the Holiday Inn Select Hotel in Decatur, the Renaissance Hotel in Springfield, the Thelma Kellar Ramada Inn in Effingham, the Edgewood Golf Club, and the Delta Golf Company. Lastly, thanks to Gary Jakubowski and Larry Stapleton for all of their help with this event.

Next year's golf outing may be held in the fall in the Chicago area because the spring conference is scheduled in March. Please consider joining us in 2004!

INSERT - letter from
Catholic Charities

The following article is reprinted with the permission of *Perspectives*, the journal of the American Probation and Parole Association. It is offered as an example of one state's efforts to implement research based or "what works" practice. The article discusses elements currently considered essential to effective community corrections work.

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ILLINOIS PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL IN THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members are the backbone of this Association and your interest in becoming a member is appreciated. IPCSA has an active membership of over 1,000 members and is considered the largest state probation association in the U.S. (Completing all of the requested information will ensure that you receive all future mailings to the correct address.)

_____ MEMBERSHIP YEAR Type of Membership: New Member Membership Renewal

Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

County and Department Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ (City, State, Zip Code)

Daytime Phone #: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

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MEMBERSHIP FEE PAID FOR BY:

Department Applicant Have been an IPCSA Member since: _____
(Year)

MY JOB FUNCTION FALLS IN THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CATEGORIES:

Adult Probation Pretrial Services Juvenile Probation Juvenile Detention _____
(Other)

MY POSITION FALLS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY:

Director Chief Managing Officer Supervisor Line Officer AA/Office Manager Support Staff

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| <input type="radio"/> Community/Public Service Committee | <input type="radio"/> Nomination/Election Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day/Evening Report Centers Committee | <input type="radio"/> Pretrial Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Detention Committee | <input type="radio"/> Program Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Domestic/Family Violence Committee | <input type="radio"/> Resource Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Gender Responsive Committee | <input type="radio"/> Special Services/Sex Offender Committee |
| <input type="radio"/> Legislative Committee (CMO approval required) | <input type="radio"/> Substance Abuse Committee |

AM INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S):

Please send this application with your membership dues, made payable to IPCSA, to the following address:

IPCSA
P.O. Box 8826



CONTACT INFORMATION



Committees provide numerous functions for the Association. Whether it is developing training, working with vendors, helping with legislation or fundraising, the committees are vital to the future of our Association. It is necessary to receive permission from your Chief Managing Officer to join a committee. Please contact any of the following chairpersons if you want information or would like to join a committee.

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❖ Community/Public Service Committee	Mike Miller (co-chair)	Macon County	217/424-1444	
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❖ Detention Committee	Steve Bowker (co-chair)	Madison County	618/692-1002	smbowker@co.madison.il.us
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Future Conference Schedule

FALL 2003 Training Conference
September 10-12, 2003
Peoria, IL

SPRING 2004 Training Conference
March 24-26, 2004
Springfield, IL

FALL 2004 Training Conference
September 1-3, 2004
Chicago, IL



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