



OPISSC Voluntary Accreditation Committee May 25, 2017, Minutes

Voluntary Accreditation Committee Meeting Date and Location: 10:00 a.m. May 25, 2017, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS), 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Committee Members Present: Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Jay Beighley, Mr. Dwight Holcomb, Mr. Tony Macisco, Mr. Terry Myer, Mr. Ted Owens, Mr. Jeff Parson

Committee Members Absent: Ms. Gina Krenek, Mr. Phil Pavarini

Also Attending: Joel Brown, Aleta Dodson, Geoff Dutton, Julie Faulconer, Brandon Gardner, Tiffany Gehrlich, Anne Vitale

Mr. Beighley called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Armstrong	Here	Mr. Beighley	Here
Mr. Holcomb	Here	Ms. Krenek	
Mr. Macisco	Here	Mr. Myer	Here
Mr. Owens	Here	Mr. Parson	Here
Mr. Pavarini			

A quorum was present to conduct business.

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes for March 16, 2017. Holcomb first. Armstrong second. Motion passed.

Mr. Holcomb introduced Joel Brown, Project Director of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP). Mr. Brown has worked on the Governor's Ohio Collaborative to set law enforcement standards for Ohio and presented his information to the Committee.

The Ohio Collaborative has over 500 agencies involved with the process. Assessors go onsite and check all applicants. The challenge is getting smaller agency participation. The first year standards focused on use of force including deadly force and hiring and recruiting; the following years address dispatch communications, body cameras, and community policing; and bias-free policing is set for the third year.

Mr. Brown recommended starting with the end goal in mind (how many standards, what is the time frame for completion, etc.) and keep the standards general and flexible to allow for large and small agency participation, and for any law and technology changes. This lets members know the end goal and commitment involved. The Collaborative sets the standards and the individual agency creates or has their policy to meet the standard. The process involves an agency application, supporting documentation, and an on-site assessment for final certification. Mr. Owens asked about the program cost and Ms. Vitale asked if the accreditation audit agents were paid. Mr. Brown clarified there are no fees involved in the Ohio collaborative; however, there are soft costs such as agency personnel time involved in policy writing and monitoring. The agents are paid roughly \$200 per site audit which is funded by the Office of Criminal Justice Services' (OCJS) grant money. The OACP has 45 peers or industry colleagues to provide independent support to assist agencies in reaching compliance. The peers completed nearly 450 assignments in the first year. OCJS certifies the agencies and can revoke when noncompliant.

A database is needed to store all of the information, and a website is excellent in providing information to guide people through the process and to publish results.

The benefits of accreditation are providing credibility, adding consistency in the industry, and elevating the public's trust. Insurance companies may provide a discount to PI/SG firms that are accredited.

Commission members discussed the feasibility of an accreditation program. The idea is great for the industry, but who will actually commit to the time and soft costs when small and large companies are concerned with daily business functions and making a profit. The program might be more beneficial to proprietary companies than those licensed through PISGS. The public would be unaware of the program without press releases.

Mr. Brown was thanked for his presentation of information and offering assistance to the Committee.

Mr. Beighley provided an overview of the project, which is to develop a model of professional standards, where a company can receive accreditation for voluntarily meeting these standards. Currently, Ohio has no standards.

Mr. Beighley, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Dutton spoke with the International Foundation for Protection Officers (IFPO) a Florida based security training and educational company. They are very interested in being the governing body for the accreditation program with Ohio as a prototype and then rolling it out to other states. The Volunteer Accreditation Committee would provide the standards and IFPO would handle the audit and certification. PISGS could add an endorsement on the company wall license to those that successfully completed the accreditation.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Holcomb first. Armstrong second. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Mr. Dutton introduced newly appointed Executive Director of PISGS Brandon Gardner. Mr. Gardner worked with the International Association of Chiefs of Police supporting law enforcement agencies with advocacy training and technical assistance, focused on state level law enforcement in North America. Mr. Dutton was assigned a new position and was thanked for his work with the Commission.