

The County of Chester

Office of the Controller

Internal Audit

Department



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Annual Report
For the year ended December 31, 2010



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INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

The mission of the Internal Audit Department is to serve the citizens and taxpayers of Chester County through the performance of independent, objective reviews and evaluations of all relevant activities. In performing these duties, the Internal Auditor will endeavor to assist administrators and department managers in achieving the best utilization and administration of taxpayer resources. These efforts are intended to improve County operations and to help ensure that the County is fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities to its citizens and taxpayers.





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Statement of Purpose, Authority and Responsibility

The County of Chester Internal Audit Department is comprised of four accounting / auditing professionals including an Internal Audit Manager, one Senior Auditor, and two Staff Auditors. The department reports administratively to the County's First Deputy Controller and functionally to the County Controller and a three member Board of Commissioners.

In accordance with County Code requirements, the Chester County Internal Audit Department is authorized to direct a broad comprehensive program of internal auditing within the County. The internal auditors are responsible for examining and evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the systems of internal control established by the various agencies of the County and to audit, settle, and adjust the accounts and financial statements of these same agencies annually. In accomplishing these activities, the Manager of Internal Audit, as well as all members of the audit staff, are authorized to have full, free, and unrestricted access to all County records, property, and personnel, except as restricted by law.

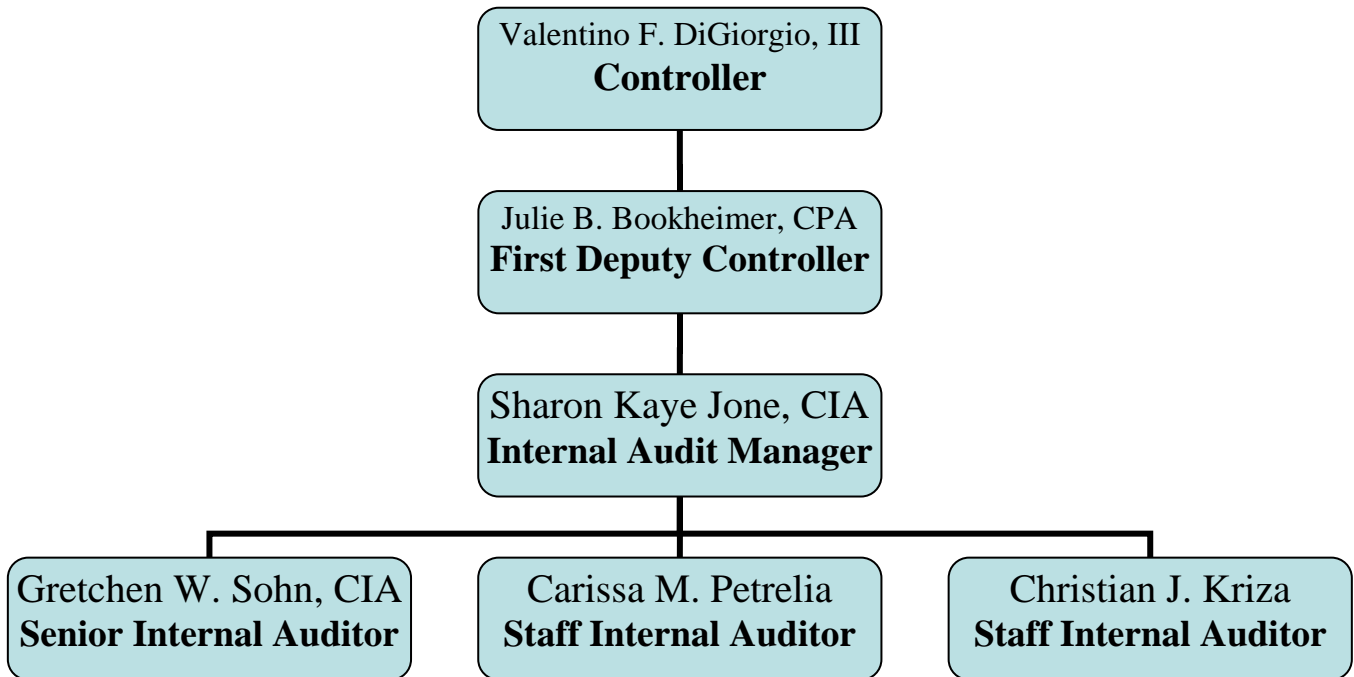
In accordance with Generally Accepted Government Accounting and Auditing Standards, the audit department is responsible for ensuring that (1) the audit is conducted by personnel who collectively have the necessary skills, (2) independence is maintained, (3) applicable standards are followed in planning and conducting audits and reporting the results, (4) significant noncompliance or abuse (fraud) should be properly investigated and reported to the appropriate level of management; (5) auditors should report recommendations for actions to correct problems and to improve operations.



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Organizational Chart





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Staff Credentials and Certifications

Sharon Kaye Jones, *Internal Audit Manager*
Bachelor of Science, Villanova University, 1984
Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) 1993
26 years internal audit experience

Gretchen W. Sohn, *Senior Auditor*
Bachelor of Science, West Chester University, 1970
Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) 1992
27 years experience (5 years accounting / 22 years internal audit)

Carissa M. Petrelia, *Staff Auditor*
Bachelor of Science, West Chester University, 2004
6 years experience (2.5 years finance/accounting / 3.5 internal audit)

Christian J. Kriza, *Staff Auditor*
Bachelor of Science, West Chester University, 2009
1 year internal audit experience



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2010 Audit Summary

Annual Audits Required by County Code

<u><i>Auditee</i></u>	<u><i>Reportable Conditions</i></u>
District Court 15-1-01	None
District Court 15-1-02	None
District Court 15-1-03	None
District Court 15-1-04	None
District Court 15-1-05	None
District Court 15-2-01	None
District Court 15-2-03	None
District Court 15-2-05	None
District Court 15-2-06	None
District Court 15-2-07	None
District Court 15-3-01	None
District Court 15-3-04	None
District Court 15-3-05	None
District Court 15-3-06	None
District Court 15-3-07	None
District Court 15-4-01	None
District Court 15-4-02	None
District Court 15-4-03	None
District Court 15-4-04	None
Adult Probation	None
Clerk of Courts	None
Correctional Center	None
County Prison	None
County Sheriff	None
Prothonotary	None
Recorder of Deeds	None
Register of Wills	None



2010 Audit Summary (continued)

Annual Audits Required by State

<u>Auditee</u>	<u>Reportable Conditions</u>
Drug Forfeiture	None
Pocopson Home (Guest Fund)	None

Special Projects Requested by Management

Auto Supply Inventory	Not Applicable
Central Stores Inventory	Not Applicable
Print Shop Inventory	Not Applicable
Agency Funds Compilation	Not Applicable






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2011 Goals and Objectives

- To complete all Row Office and District Court audits in a timely manner within the year.
 - To continue to incorporate new audits into the audit schedule as a result of the 2006 Audit Risk Re-assessment.
 - To conduct “performance audits” in addition to financial audits at the request of the Controller as a means to increase County efficiency and save taxpayer money.
 - To assist in investigations involving fraud complaints received via the County’s Fraud, Waste, and Abuse hotline.
 - To prepare the Agency Fund footnote disclosure for inclusion in the DCED report as well as the CAFR.
 - To continue to complete 40 hours of continuing education annually to keep abreast of new accounting / auditing issues and pronouncements as required by the GAO Yellow Book.
 - To help maintain and update the new Audit Department subdirectory within the Office of the Controller Website.
 - To continue to provide assistance to the Controller with respect to special projects and other tasks.
 - To assist the department’s staff auditors as they prepare to achieve CIA certification.
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*To the Chester County Controller and
Board of Commissioners:*

The year 2010 continued to be financially and economically challenging. Every department felt the “pinch” of cutbacks and sacrifice. The Internal Audit Department responded to the challenge by voluntarily participating in free continuing education webinars offered throughout the year by the Institute of Internal Auditors. This not only reduced the cost of mandatory training but also cut down on travel expenses as well. During the coming year, we are committed to looking for additional ways to cut costs not only in our own department but as part of the audit process county-wide.

As always, it is a pleasure to service you. We look forward to another positive and productive year.

Kindest regards,



*Sharon Kaye Jones, CIA
Internal Audit Manager*

