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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING  
PCCD BUILDING  
3101 NORTH FRONT STREET  
HARRISBURG, PA  
March 9, 2016

Before: Josh Shapiro, Esq., Chairman  
Tomas Aguilar, for Honorable Karen Murphy,  
Commissioner  
Bruce R. Beemer, for Honorable Kathleen Kane,  
Commissioner  
Mark H. Bergstrom, Commissioner  
Colonel Tyree C. Blocker, Commissioner  
Honorable Mary Jane Bowes, Commissioner (via  
conference call)  
Philip Damiani, Commissioner  
Thomas Darr, Commissioner  
Honorable Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner (via  
conference call)  
Honorable James J. Fitzgerald III, Commissioner (via  
conference call)  
Chief Jeffrey D. Gally, Commissioner  
Honorable Michael L. Green, Commissioner  
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner  
Curtis Jones, Jr., Commissioner (via conference call)  
Chief Tom King (via conference call)  
Carol L. Lavery, Commissioner  
Honorable Matthew B. McConnell, Commissioner  
Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Jr., Commissioner  
Dr. Edward P. Mulvey, Commissioner  
Mary Onama, Commissioner (via conference call)  
Christine Wechsler Rayer, Esq., Commissioner  
James J. Rieland, Commissioner  
Delilah Rumburg, Commissioner  
Sean R. Ryan, Commissioner  
Michael A. Schwartz, Esq., Commissioner  
Keith Snyder, Commissioner  
Jennifer R. Storm, Commissioner  
Gary Tennis (via conference call)  
James E. Turner, Commissioner  
Honorable William F. Ward, Commissioner  
Michele Minor Wolf, Commissioner  
Honorable John A. Zottola, Commissioner

Guest

Charlie O'Neil (on behalf of Commissioner Randy Vulakovich)

Staff

Linda Rosenberg, Executive Director

Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development

Robert Merwine, Director, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements

Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration

Kathy Buckley, Acting Director, Office of Victims' Services

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Matthew Leonard

Luanne Melia

Charla Plaines

Marci Szumanski

Jackie Weaknecht

Chairman Shapiro called the March 9, 2016 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum of members was present. The first order of business was to review the Minutes from the December 9, 2015 Meeting. *Commissioner McConnell made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2015 PCCD meeting as submitted. Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

The next item on the agenda was the Chairman's Report. Chairman Shapiro said PCCD hosted a fantastic conference on opioid abuse on January 27 at the Radisson in Camp Hill. The symposium was very well attended with over 300 attendees representing 57 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Governor Wolf, Physician General Rachel Levine, and Commissioner Gary Tennis all spoke at the event which was broadcast on PCN. Speakers addressed prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery initiatives. The University of Pittsburgh, with PCCD funding, will host regional forums to assist counties in the development of strategic plans to address overdoses within their communities. The Pennsylvania State University Evidence-Based Prevention and Intervention Support (EPIS) Center will also provide ongoing technical assistance and support to the counties on implementation of evidence-based substance abuse prevention and intervention programs. PCCD will be issuing a \$3 million competitive grant announcement this summer to assist counties with the implementation of evidence-based practices and programs that address the needs identified through the strategic planning process. At a Commission meeting roughly one year ago, Secretary Tennis discussed how heroin and opioid overdose was the number two accidental killer in the Commonwealth. Unfortunately, at the conference he had to announce it is now the number one accidental killer in Pennsylvania, surpassing automobile accidents. This is where PCCD becomes so important because it has a unique ability to pull everyone together to create coalitions, create a funding stream, and empower communities to go after the issue with the benefit of a broader understanding of the epidemic.

Next, Chairman Shapiro discussed the Governor's Pathfinder Awards which annually recognize individuals and a program that provide outstanding service to victims of crime in Pennsylvania. This is the most prestigious award Pennsylvania gives to a victims' service professional or program. These awards are normally presented at the Pathways Conference. Since that conference will not be held this year, the awards will be presented at an event of the nominator's and winner's preference in their community. The deadline for nominations is March 22, 2016.

Chairman Shapiro said PCCD is working with the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Executive Policy Board (LEEP) and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) to develop a series of one-day regional symposiums to highlight the technology and training recommendations made in the final report of President Obama's Taskforce on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing, which was co-chaired by former Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey. PCCD is also working with LEEP members to gather additional information on body-worn cameras, the Policy Board's top issue. To that end, three working groups are being organized, including a Legislative group; an Equipment, Training and Technical Assistance group; and a Data Storage Maintenance and Retrieval group. Commissioner Storm asked if any of the working groups will be addressing the significant privacy concerns around the use of body cameras. Linda Rosenberg said PCCD is working closely with the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association (PDAA) which is in the process of developing standards and practices.

Chairman Shapiro next updated the Commission on staffing changes at PCCD. On March 14, Mike Pennington will be returning to PCCD as the Director of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Chairman Shapiro introduced Debra Sandifer, PCCD's new Chief Counsel, and thanked Carolyn DeLaurentis, who recently returned to the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), for her hard work. Ms. Rosenberg thanked Marcy Szumanski, who served as the Acting Director of OJJDP for the past year, for her outstanding work.

Chairman Shapiro said that everyone was horrified and sickened by the investigative grand jury report of the sexual abuse of children by clergy in the Altoona/Johnstown area. PCCD staff has reached out to leaders of victims' service organizations in that region to determine the needs on the ground in the community. Chairman Shapiro believes it is important to ensure that PCCD is nimble enough to provide whatever additional resources are needed to assist these victims, and asked the Commission to consider a delegation of authority to allocate up to \$250,000 in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding for this purpose. Commissioner Beemer said the Office of the Attorney General has taken on this sobering investigation for the past 18 months. The investigation will continue with an expanded focus beyond the Altoona/Johnstown diocese to include any other information that comes forth in the Commonwealth relative to these types of issues. A hotline has been set up, manned by the investigators who worked the case, and over a hundred calls have been received. The number of victims will likely continue to grow over time as there were approximately 50 priests victimizing individuals over 50 years. The Office of the Attorney General is interested in working with PCCD and other partners to ensure that the victims who step forward receive the help they need. Commissioner Beemer noted that unfortunately this situation is not unique, but the scope of the problem was rather unbelievable given the size of the diocese. There has been a recognition of this problem by the current leadership of the diocese and they are striving to take a position to ensure this is not allowed to happen going forward. Commissioner Rumburg noted that sexual violence is complex and not well understood by the general public, which leads to doubting and blaming of victims. Part of this process will be to help the community understand and support the survivors. It will also be critical to have individuals trained in trauma-informed care available to help victims. In addition, individuals will come forward who were not specifically involved in this situation, but it will trigger their own victimization from the past. Commissioner Rumburg said that the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) will be fighting for the elimination of the statute of limitation, both civil and criminal, on these crimes. Commissioner Beemer added that people also do not understand the impact of children being victimized in their place of faith, which rocks victims to their core. Commissioner Storm thanked PCCD leadership for immediately getting in touch with the Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA). Unfortunately, most of these individuals will be ineligible for compensation from the Victim Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP), because the victimization occurred before the creation of the fund in the 1970s. Commissioner Storm felt that once the immediate need is addressed there is an educational and legislative opportunity here as well.

1. *Commissioner Rumburg made a motion for the approval of a delegation of authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with the approval of the Chairman of PCCD and the Chairman of the Victims Services Advisory Committee (VSAC), the use of up to \$250,000 in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds in support of services for those who have been a victim of sexual assault by priests and religious leaders affiliated with the Altoona/Johnstown diocese. Funding will be distributed to the victims' service providers who have identified a need for resources to provide necessary services. Commissioner Storm seconded the motion.*

Commissioner McConnell asked if PCCD would be flexible enough to fill this need in other communities if the need arises. Chairman Shapiro responded that PCCD will be able to meet any additional obligations that should arise. Commissioner Heckler asked if PCCD will make connections between therapists or counselors who have this particular expertise and the victims' service organizations in these communities. Ms. Rosenberg said PCCD can work with PCAR to develop a strategy to address the need as quickly as possible. Commissioner Mulvey wondered if there will be some lessons learned from these activities that can come back and inform the Commission, since this will probably not be the last time something like this comes to light. Commissioner Lavery noted that a very thorough report was created by Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) in Bucks County in the aftermath of 9/11 regarding the helpfulness of certain programs and services in the wake of tragedies. Commissioner Turner suggested that once the initial need is addressed the Commission should focus on community education and start looking toward

prevention efforts. Commissioner Heckler said the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) is working on that through the efforts of the Prevention Subcommittee, chaired by Dr. Jennie Noll from Penn State University. Dr. Noll was specifically recruited by Penn State following the Jerry Sandusky scandal because of her expertise in this area.

*With no further discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

The next topic in the Chairman’s report was the 2015/2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding Plan which is the result of an extensive review by the advisory committees and staff, and has been reviewed and recommended by the advisory committee chairs. The plan is aligned with the strategic framework that was previously approved by the Commission. PCCD will administer these funds by releasing a competitive funding announcement in the amount of \$5.4 million dollars. This year \$500,000 will be set aside for the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC), which has heretofore received no funding. This set-aside will provide matching funds for annual Department of Human Service (DHS) funding of \$500,000 allocated to PCCD. Derin Myers added that the JAG grant review process looks extensively at how each proposal aligns with the strategic framework and that each grant is in support of collaboration at the local level. This process allows PCCD to have a statewide framework while still allowing need at the local level to drive the distribution of funds. This funding announcement will be for two years of graduated funding. Applicants will be eligible for \$150,000 in the first year and \$105,000 in the second year, provided the first year goes well.

2. *Commissioner Snyder made a motion for the approval of the 2015/16 JAG Local Funding Plan that will include the release of \$5.4 million through a competitive funding announcement that aligns with the Commission’s Strategic Framework, and a separate \$500,000 to support the priority local initiatives of MHJAC. Commissioner Gally seconded the motion.*

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

Finally, Chairman Shapiro shared that the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) 2 will kick off in a few hours. This will build on the work of the original JRI back in 2011. The purpose is to make communities safer, reduce the number of victims in Pennsylvania, and protect the taxpayers by reducing the cost of the

system. Chairman Shapiro said JRI 2 is a terrific group including nine members of the Commission as well as leaders from the legislature, the executive branch, and law enforcement organizations. The Commission will be kept informed of the progress, and a JRI tab will be added to the PCCD website. Chairman Shapiro introduced Carl Reynolds and Patrick Armstrong from the Council of State Governments (CSG) who will be leading the JRI 2 efforts.

Commissioner Bergstrom offered the Criminal Justice Population Projections Committee (CJPPC) Report. The Committee meets quarterly to review projections, and over the past few years there has been a decline in the prison population, some of which can be attributed to efficiencies between the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP) that came out of the initial JRI. There were also significant changes in the aftermath of Alleyne and then Hopkins in terms of drug sentences and mandatory minimum sentences. As a subset of the overall population decline, there have been reductions in the number of admissions for drug trafficking offenses and the duration of those sentences. At the CJPPC meeting last week, there was concern noted about the parole numbers. The concern is no reflection on the Board itself, but rather a recognition that the Board, which is authorized to operate at nine members, is currently functioning with seven, and soon could be down to only five. Over the past few months there has been a trend which may be remedied by getting the Board back up to its full complement. Commissioner Green said other factors should be considered and PBPP will continue to do so, including the fact that over the past eight years the parole supervision population has grown by about 32 percent while the number of agents has only grown by 12 percent.

Next on the agenda was the Executive Director's Report. Ms. Rosenberg offered an update on the 2016 federal budget. Minor increases were included for juvenile funding and some of PCCD's criminal justice funds. The big news is in VOCA which has increased from \$17 million in 2014 to \$77 million in 2015 and now to \$90 million this year. VSAC has done a great job of developing a strategy for how best to award those funds. In regards to the 2015-16 state budget Ms. Rosenberg noted that PCCD is functioning with an intact budget and is only waiting on a couple of things. For example, PCCD engaged in an MOU with DHS to allocate \$2.5 million for opioid prevention and naloxone programs. There are approved grantees who have still not received their funding under these programs. PCCD will be working with the Budget Office on waivers to provide additional time to spend those dollars. In the 2016-17 state budget PCCD was level funded with two exceptions: Intermediate Punishment (IP) funds were increased by \$2 million; and \$300,000 was allocated for new Problem Solving Courts in the Commonwealth. PCCD has been able to work with the Treasurer to move the Endowment Act money into a higher-interest bearing fund, from 0.17 percent to 5-6 percent.

Ms. Rosenberg said there are two vacant Director positions within PCCD: The Office of Victims Service (OVS) and the Office of the Safe School Advocate. PCCD is affected by the complement freeze and cannot fill all its approved vacancies. This will be a particular problem in OVS with the anticipated influx of VOCA applications and Ms. Rosenberg has spoken to the Governor's Office and hopefully the situation will be resolved.

Ms. Rosenberg said the local JAG funding announcement should be released by the end of the month. The competitive VOCA funding announcement will be released through VSAC for \$30 million over three years. A call for reviewers was issued and 50 volunteers from all the advisory committees have stepped forward. PCCD will be applying for two competitive awards, for juveniles and adults, under the Second Chance Act Reentry Program. PCCD worked closely with the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) on the juvenile application for \$1 million which was just submitted. The Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements (OCJSI) is currently working on the application for adults. PCCD received the last Second Chance Act application it applied for under Pre-Trial Diversion.

Ms. Rosenberg said that one of PCCD’s responsibilities as a condition of receiving juvenile justice funding is to monitor that juveniles are held in police lockups in compliance with the Core Protections of the Juvenile Justice Act. This was an arduous paperwork process with all 1,200 police departments in the Commonwealth submitting reports to PCCD. The entire process has now been automated, and Ms. Rosenberg said it is an example of government doing the right thing. The application went live last week, and after it is fully implemented the next step will be to automate the jails.

Ms. Rosenberg said the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Conference will be held March 23. The Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) Conference will be held April 12-13 at the Penn Stater this year because attendance exceeded available space last year. Ms. Rosenberg is on the Board of the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) which will hold its annual conference in Philadelphia on August 7-10. The National Center for Victims of Crime will also be holding their annual conference in Philadelphia this September. The University of Pittsburgh will be scheduling regional seminars as a follow up to the opioid symposium as well as regional law enforcement forums. Under Act 197 of 2012, PCCD has some responsibility to provide education to criminal justice practitioners and victim service providers on human trafficking. PCCD has begun a planning process to hold a symposium, similar to the one on opioid and heroin abuse. So far, PCCD has reached out to PDAA, PCPA and victims service agencies to create a planning committee for an event this summer or early fall. Commissioner Schwartz noted that Michelle Morgan at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Philadelphia has done outstanding work on human trafficking, focusing on interagency issues that go well beyond local or state level issues. Commissioner Rayer added that Ms. Morgan sits on the Board of Villanova’s Commercial Sexual Exploitation Institute.

Finally, Ms. Rosenberg reminded the Commissioners that their financial disclosure forms are due May 1.

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Damiani said a summary of the March 10 committee meeting, including several informational updates, is included in the meeting materials.

1. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial application requesting a total of \$392,138 in JAG funds, IP funds, and Mental Health Enhancement funds for the continued support of the CJAB Specialist positions contracted by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and related activities. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion.*

- County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, “CJAB Technical Assistance (\$392,138)

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner McConnell

2. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion for the approval of two (2) Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Category 1 initial applications requesting \$123,163 in funds to provide*

*research-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services to reduce substance abuse among adults or to provide resources to assist families in accessing services. Commissioner McConnell seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute, “PDAI Collection Boxes 2016” (\$50,000)
- Community Prevention Partnership of Berks County, “Celebrating Reading Families” – 2015-SE-01-26517 (\$73,163)

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Heckler, Michalik

3. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion for the approval of one (1) SAEDR Category 3 initial application requesting a total of \$487,151 in funds to educate employers, unions and employees about the dangers of substance abuse in the workplace and provide comprehensive drug-free workplace programs and technical resources for businesses, including, but not limited to, training for working parents to keep their children drug-free. Commissioner Storm seconded the motion.*

- Allied Trades Assistance Program, “Changing the Culture of Construction (CCC)” – 2015-SE-03-26485 (\$487,151)

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

Commissioner Damiani said the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission, led by Commissioner Bergstrom, has a strategic planning committee working on recommendations to improve the sentencing guidelines. It has been an enormous, tedious process and Commissioner Damiani cannot thank Commissioner Bergstrom enough for how this process has been put together and carried out.

The Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Storm said a summary of the last quarterly VSAC meeting can be found in the meeting materials, including several informational updates.

1. *Commissioner Storm made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial SAEDR application from Women Against Abuse, Inc. for up to \$150,000 in 2015 state SAEDR funds. Commissioner Rumburg seconded the motion.*

- Women Against Abuse, Inc., “Expanded Philadelphia SAEDR Program for DV Victims” – 26548 (\$150,000)

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

2. *Commissioner Storm made a motion for the approval of two (2) initial applications and one (1) augmentation for a total of up to \$659,875 in federal VOCA discretionary training funds. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania State University, “Organizational Capacity Building & Training for Victim Service Organizations” – 26563 (\$363,875)
- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, “VOCA Virtual Training on the PAVTN” – 26570 (\$255,000)
- Pennsylvania District Attorney’s Association (PDAI), “PDAI Victim/Witness Training Project” – 26435 (\$41,000)

*With no additional discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Heckler

The next item on the agenda was the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDPC) Report. Commissioner Snyder said that at the last quarterly meeting JJDPC discussed its next steps in

building on the recidivism research conducted by Commissioner Mulvey to supplement JCJC's recidivism analysis. This analysis was begun in 2010 to determine the effectiveness of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) by developing a baseline rate of cases closed between 2007 and 2010. The rate was 22 percent statewide. In 2011 there was an 18 percent reduction in recidivism due, in Commission Snyder's opinion, to the implementation of evidence-based practices across the state. By 2014, juvenile crime was half of what it was in 2007, and the money spent on placements was down by \$90 million per year. The numbers are looking good so now JJDPC is looking to the future with Commissioner Mulvey's help. As Ms. Rosenberg mentioned, PCCD and JCJC are applying for a Second Chance Act grant. Only three awards will be given across the country. The grant will focus on the highest-risk offenders in Pennsylvania's placement facilities and targeting them for services when they go home. There are four pilot sites: Lehigh County, Berks County, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh which account for about 46 percent of the Commonwealth's placements. Vocational coordination and family services will be the primary focus of funding.

1. *Commissioner Snyder made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial application requesting a total of \$20,592 in Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) funds. Commissioner Heckler seconded the motion.*

- Mercer County Commissioners, "Community Court Diversion Program Evaluation" – 2014-J-03-26543 (\$20,592)

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner McConnell

2. *Commissioner Snyder made a motion for the approval of one (1) augmentation of \$80,000 in Violence Prevention Programs/Department of Human Services Funds to the existing Resource Center for Evidence Based Programs and Practices Project awarded to the Pennsylvania State University. The augmentation will support the work of the Resource Center, through its EPISCenter, on the Inspire System. Commissioner McConnell seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania State University, "Resource Center for Evidence Based Programs and Practices" – 2013/14-VP/DH-ST-23468 (\$80,000)

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

- Commissioner Snyder made a motion for the approval of a delegation of authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with the approval of the Chairman of PCCD and the Chairman of JJDP, the redistribution of any unexpended or voluntarily returned Violence Prevention Programs (VPP) funds prior to the expiration of the state fiscal year (June 30, 2016), and to use these funds to augment existing projects that have demonstrated a need. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion.*

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Mulvey

The next item on the agenda was the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Report. Commissioner Heckler said the CACAC meeting summary is available in the meeting materials. The EPISCenter made a presentation at the last quarterly meeting outlining the technical assistance they will offer Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) over the next year. The Prevention Research Subcommittee also reported on their work, which includes the compilation of a comprehensive list of all child sexual abuse prevention/intervention programs and the rating of each based on whether they have been evaluated and what type of evaluation took place. The Subcommittee’s next step will be to release surveys to CJABs, CACs, Communities That Care Coalitions (CTCs), PCAR members and other community coalitions to identify initiatives and get a sense of their effectiveness. The survey results will be combined into a report which will help direct the future activities of CACAC.

Next on the agenda was the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Report. Commissioner Zottola said the meeting summary includes several informational updates and is included in the meeting materials.

- Commissioner Zottola made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial application requesting a total of \$13,029 in state Mental Health Enhancement funds to support forensic peer support training sessions by the Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers’ Association. Commissioner Gally seconded the motion.*
  - Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers’ Association, “Peer Support within the Criminal Justice System” (\$13,029)

*With no discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

2. *Commissioner Zottola made a motion for the approval of one (1) delegation of authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with the approval of the Chairman of PCCD and the Chairman of MHJAC, up to \$500,000 in Mental Health Enhancement funds to support an initiative to contract for services for the MHJAC Center of Excellence (CoE). Commissioner Green seconded the motion.*

- Center of Excellence  
(\$500,000)

Commissioner Bergstrom asked if there will be an RFP or if a service contract is already in place will be continued. Bob Merwine said several options are being considered, and once the decision is made the delegation of authority will allow PCCD and DHS to move forward quickly to avoid a lapse in services.

*With no further discussion or public comment on the motion, Chairman Shapiro called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Beemer, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Gally, Green, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Onama, Rayer, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Ward, Minor Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Mulvey

Next on the agenda, Chairman Shapiro asked if there was anyone present at the meeting who wanted to make a public comment during the Public Voice portion of the meeting. No one stepped forward to exercise their rights under the Sunshine Law.

The next Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the PCCD Offices.

*Commissioner McConnell made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Michalik. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:48 a.m.*