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PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

PCCD BUILDING

3101 NORTH FRONT STREET

HARRISBURG, PA

June 12, 2013

Before: Mark R. Zimmer, Chairman
Honorable Tony Amadio, Commissioner
James E. Anderson, Commissioner
Mark H. Bergstrom, Commissioner
Kim Bowman, for Honorable Gary Tennis,
Commissioner
Honorable Thomas R. Caltagirone, Commissioner
Philip Damiani, Commissioner
Thomas Darr, for Honorable Zygmunt Pines,
Commissioner
John P. Delaney, Jr., Esq., Commissioner
Peg Dierkers, Commissioner
Honorable Gary F. Dobias, Commissioner
Michael A. Fiore, Commissioner
Jack Godlesky, Commissioner
Honorable Kathleen Kane, Commissioner
Chief Thomas R. King, Commissioner
Bob Kolar, Commissioner
Honorable Edward M. Marsico, Jr., Commissioner
Mary Onama, Commissioner (attended via conference
call)
Honorable Mike Regan, Commissioner
James Rieland, Commissioner
Therese Louise Rocco, Commissioner
Michael A. Schwartz, Commissioner
Ronald E. Sharp, Commissioner
Jennifer R. Storm, Commissioner
James E. Turner, Commissioner
Honorable Randy Vulakovich, Commissioner
Honorable John A. Zottola, Commissioner

Guests

Dr. Ed Latessa
David Volkman

Staff

Linda Rosenberg, Executive Director
LeeAnn Labecki, Director, Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development
Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration and Acting Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Robert Merwine, Director, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements
Lynn Shiner, Director, Office of Victims' Services
Mary Taylor, Chief Counsel
Bob Ardner
Jeffrey Blystone
Kathy Buckley
Kelley Hodge
Ed Katz
Luanne Melia
Marcy Szumanski
Jackie Weaknecht
Danielle Wilbert

Chairman Zimmer called the June 12, 2013 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:03 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. The first order of business was to review the Minutes from the March 13, 2013 Meeting. *A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Darr. Commissioner Damiani seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

The next item on the agenda was the Chairman's Report. Chairman Zimmer mentioned the recent tragedy in Philadelphia which claimed 19 victims, six of whom died. The Office of Victims Services (OVS) already reached out to assist in any way they could. Chairman Zimmer noted that Attorney General Kathleen Kane was attending her first meeting as a member of the Commission. Representative Mike Regan was also in attendance for the first time. Chairman Zimmer then acknowledged that Commissioner Tom King, the Chief of the State College Police Department, is the incoming President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) and offered his congratulations.

Commissioner Anderson gave a short presentation on the Juvenile Justice Recidivism Report recently released by the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC). In 2010, the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) was also endorsed by JCJC and served as a commitment to employ evidence-based practices at every stage of the juvenile justice process and to collect the necessary data to determine success. The first part of that strategy was to establish a baseline recidivism rate based on data from cases closed in 2007 then followed for two years. Previous recidivism rates were not intended to be compared between counties, because there were no consistent risk assessment tools in place in 2007. By the end of the year, analysis on cases closed in 2008 and 2009 should also be available, creating a three-year benchmark for comparison. Currently, all but two counties were at some stage of employing the Youth Level of Services (YLS) risk assessment tool. Commissioner Anderson said many of the findings were interesting but not surprising, including 80 percent of recidivists were from a "disrupted" family situation; the younger a juvenile was at the time of his or her first written allegation, the more likely he or she was to recidivate; and males were almost three times more likely to recidivate than females. Overall, 20 percent of juvenile offenders recidivated within two years of their 2007 case closure. With the tools in place, subjectivity should be reduced at every major decision-making point.

Next, Dr. David Volkman, the Acting Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), discussed First Lady Susan Corbett's "Opening Doors" initiative which identified kids at risk of dropping out and offered intervention services. The four key indicators found among sixth graders that made them prime candidates for dropping out are failing grades in math, failing grades in reading, less than 80 percent attendance, and behavior problems. A dashboard was created to assist districts and educators deal with at risk students. The dashboard will be customizable to each district. The districts will voluntarily submit data on their middle school students so the students who had the four indicators could be targeted and guided through to graduation. Currently, Erie, Lancaster and Harrisburg are the three pilot districts in Pennsylvania. Dr. Volkman said the materials and resources available to teachers could be seen at www.pdesas.org under the Safe and Supportive (SAS) Schools icon.

Commissioner Zottola discussed the delegation led by Commissioner Wetzel on the European/American Prison Project. The delegation, which also included Commissioners Marsico and Bergstrom, toured

prisons in the Commonwealth, Germany and the Netherlands. Commissioner Zottola said the approach to criminal justice was much different in Europe than in the United States. One example is that they consider a sentence to be no more than the period of time an offender is away from their family. Commissioner Zottola said the group toured a mental health facility in the Netherlands, and found it to be airy, open and a whole different approach to dealing with people with mental illness. After touring the facility, the delegation began to discuss amending the Mental Health Procedures Act (MHPA), which had not been done since it was enacted in 1976. The House Judiciary Committee recently passed a resolution to study MHPA. Also, the Committee will vote on legislation that proposes to amend the MHPA which will allow licensed psychologists to administer examinations to determine competency to proceed on criminal charges. Currently, Pennsylvania is one of five states that require the competency evaluation to be administered by a psychiatrist. The issues of substance abuse and dementia, which were not currently addressed by MHPA, would also be reviewed. The delegation also wanted to look at the language in MHPA that required something in furtherance of the Act before an individual could be involuntarily committed. Legislation has been introduced that would change the criteria for involuntary commitment.

Commissioner Bergstrom gave an update on the preliminary work on pretrial screening, noting that many people had been concerned for years about the quality and completeness of offender information collected. At the first point of contact with the criminal justice system, information is gathered that is available to anyone who needs it, particularly downstream as the case moves through the system. The European/American Prison Project delegation looked at the steps the Commonwealth had taken in the recent past to improve the quality of information. The Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS) and the Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) system are both impressive systems available to gather case information. PCCD's efforts around fingerprinting and improving the booking of offenders are also notable. The delegation believes pretrial screening should be revisited to find if there were more steps to be taken or ways to combine the efforts of the courts and central booking. Commissioner Bergstrom planned to meet Commissioner Darr and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to see if there was anything the courts or the Executive could do to improve the information being captured.

Next on the agenda was the Executive Director's Report. Linda Rosenberg offered a funding update. Ms. Rosenberg highlighted the differences between the Governor's budget and the budget introduced in the House. The budget includes the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JJRI) that is based on the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) right-sizing their Youth Detention Centers (YDCs) and reinvesting those savings in prevention, intervention and juvenile justice enhancement efforts. DPW projected first-year savings of \$12.8 million, \$15.8 million in savings for the second year, for a total five-year estimate of \$76 million in savings. The Governor's budget increased PCCD's violence-prevention programs appropriation by \$4 million and increased JCJC's appropriation by \$5 million to implement enhancement strategies. In the House budget PCCD received a \$1.5 million reduction and JCJC's budget was reduced by \$2.5 million. Ms. Rosenberg, Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Mackereth are planning to educate legislators about the importance of the programs that they reduced funding for. Commissioner Anderson said the Governor was really onboard with JJRI and the funding levels in his budget were necessary in order to put forth a statewide effort. Ms. Rosenberg said the County Intermediate Punishment (CIP) funding is level funded at \$18.1 million in both the Governor's and House budgets. Lee Ann Labecki and the Research and Evaluation office are working on a comprehensive evaluation of

CIP, particularly the drug and alcohol portion of the program. The next step would be to continue to work with the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS) on a comparison sample of those who participated in the program compared to those sentenced to Levels 3 and 4 who went to jail instead. Ms. Rosenberg noted that the majority of the \$15 million in grants currently before the Commission are state funds that are dependent on the passage of the budget. All the subgrantees are aware of the potential changes that could be made to their grant requests. Voting on grant requests in advance of passage allow the programs to move forward as soon as the budget is signed by the Governor.

With regard to federal funding, Ms. Rosenberg said OVS was presenting the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) applications later in the meeting, basing their requests on the 2012/13 awards because they had not been notified what the 2013/14 award amounts would be. VOCA is a two-year funding cycle so there is a potential for changes in this or the following year.

Next, Ms. Rosenberg updated the Commission on the 2012 JAG process. At the end of May, Chairman Zimmer held a meeting with all the advisory committee chairs where a comprehensive presentation was given on the JAG process and the concept papers recommended by the reviewers. The Committee of the Chairs approved the process and invited 37 applicants to submit formal applications. Once received, the applications will be sent to their respective advisory committees for review and approval. Following approval of the advisory committees, the applications will move to the Commission for consideration at the September meeting.

Finally, Ms. Rosenberg updated the Commission on the Life Skills initiative, which was being offered free-of-charge by the University of Colorado. Since the last meeting, PCCD has worked with JCJC, PDE, and the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to garner the participation of over 50 schools, which represents more than 10,000 students. PCCD will partner with the Penn State EPISCenter, which will provide support and technical assistance to the school districts implementing the program and collect outcome data on the program's effectiveness.

The next item on the agenda was the Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) Report. Commissioner Delaney called the Commission's attention to the Variable Penalty Assessment informational item found on page five of the meeting materials. This policy change, approved by VSAC, would allow counties which imposed assessments above \$60 to keep 70 percent of the additional amount in their county for the purpose of providing procedural services.

In the first VSAC action item the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of 143 applications for the 2013-2015 VOCA funding cycle not to exceed \$26,009,856. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of the applications. A listing of the applications is attached to the meeting minutes. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Amadio, Rieland, Storm

The next action item dealt with the three counties which had not yet made a final decision on their VOCA funding recommendations. The Commission was requested to take action on the approval of a delegation of authority to the PCCD Chairman, Executive Director and VSAC Chair to approve the applications submitted for the 2013-2015 VOCA funding cycle not to exceed \$1,090,144 for Berks, Huntingdon and Mifflin Counties barring any appeals. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of this delegation of authority. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the delegation of authority and Commissioner Rocco seconded the motion.*

- Berks County, “2013-2015 VOCA Funding” (\$852,572)
- Mifflin County, “2013-2015 VOCA Funding” (\$140,120)
- Huntingdon County, “2013-2015 VOCA Funding” (\$97,452)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Next, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of an application received from the Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA) under the funding set aside for projects with statewide impact not to exceed the amount of \$39,860 for their Volunteer Mediation Program in 2013-2015 Statewide VOCA funds. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of the application. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, “Office of the Victim Advocate’s Volunteer Mediation Project” – 2013/2014-VF-05-24470 (\$39,860)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico,

Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Commissioner Delaney recused himself from discussion and voting of the next action item due to a conflict of interest and the Chair recognized Commissioner Dierkers. The Commission was requested to take action on the approval of a request to fund 70 applications for the 2013/2014 VOJO funding cycle not to exceed \$1,800,000 in VOJO funds. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of these applications. A listing of the applications is attached to the meeting minutes. *Commissioner Dierkers made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner King seconded the motion. With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Amadio, Delaney, Rieland, Storm

In the next action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of a request to fund an application for the first year of a three-year project submitted by the Venango County Commissioners for a “Community Response to Violence Against Women” project for up to \$100,000 in federal STOP Grant funds. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of this application. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Storm seconded the motion.*

- Venango County Commissioners, “Continue Community Response to STOP Violence Against Women” – 23819 (\$100,000)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

In the final action item for VSAC, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of a request to fund two applications for third-year JAG continuation funding not to exceed \$19,315. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of these continuation applications. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Dobias seconded the motion.*

- Lancaster County Commissioners, “Elder Victim Advocate Project” – 22380-3 (\$5,800)
- AWARE, Inc., “Elder Victim Advocacy Project” – 22366-3 (\$13,515)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Damiani noted that a statewide meeting of all the Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs) and their leadership was held since the last Commission meeting. Jackie Weaknecht gave an overview of that meeting. Bob Merwine then updated the Commission on the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI) Drug Drop-off Boxes project and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Information Sharing Initiative (MARIS). Commissioner Bergstrom said this project involved individual offender information and would be a good opportunity for recidivism research as the project gets closer to setting up an exchange with other states. Next, Mr. Merwine gave an update on the Law Enforcement and Justice Information System (LEJIS) transition proposal.

CJAC’s first action item requested the Commission to take action on one initial and ten continuation applications totaling \$451,167 in JAG funds. Staff and CJAC recommended approval of these grant applications. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion.*

- Public Defenders Association, “Public Defender Trial Skills” – 2011-JG-02-24143 (\$45,000)
- Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission, “Buffalo Valley Regional Police Administration Assistance Grant” – 2010-JG-01-23440-2 (\$33,000)
- Butler County Commissioners, “Problem Solving Court - Drug Court” – 2011-JG-04-21793-3 (\$45,472)
- Butler County Commissioners, “Family Group Decision Making Diversionary Program” – 2011-JG-04-22696-2 (\$66,162)
- Cumberland County Commissioners, “System Improvement Project” – 2011-JG-04-22725-2 (\$66,667)

- Juniata County Commissioners, “Juniata County Security Project – Phase 2” – 2011-JG-04-22708-2 (\$19,591)
- Luzerne County Chief Executive Officer, “Luzerne County Day Reporting Center Director” – 2011-JG-04-21734-3 (\$16,323)
- Monroe County Commissioners, “Monroe County Central Booking/DUI Processing Center” – 2011-JG-04-21878-3 (\$20,113)
- Philadelphia City Treasurer, “Electronic Parole Petitions” – 2011-JG-04-21922-3 (\$20,000)
- Union County Commissioners, “Creation of Day Reporting Center” – 2011-JG-04-22697-2 (\$85,602)
- Mifflin County Commissioners, “CJAB Prison Re-entry Initiative” – 2011-JG-04-21765-3 (\$33,237)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

The second action item requested the Commission to take action on two initial applications totaling \$84,023 in Coverdell funds. The applications were recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Turner seconded the motion.*

- Lancaster County Commissioners, “Fingerprint Forensic Improvement” – 2012-FS-01-23541 (\$32,000)
- Lehigh County Chief Executive Officer, “Decreasing Radiography Backlog” – 2012-FS-01-23560 (\$52,023)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

In the third action item, the Commission was requested to take action on 38 applications totaling \$3,553,400 in state fiscal year 2013/2014 CIP funds. Staff and CJAC recommended approval of these applications. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Zottola seconded the motion.*

- Adams County Commissioners, “Adams County Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24565 (\$30,000)
- Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer, “County Intermediate Punishment Continuation” – 2013-IP-SI-24520 (\$550,000)
- Beaver County Commissioners, “Sanction Option for Sentencing (SOS)” – 2013-IP-SI-24613 (\$21,165)
- Berks County Commissioners, “Berks County 2013-14 Intermediate Punishment Grant” – 2013-IP-SI-24586 (\$165,000)
- Blair County Commissioners, “IP Treatment Court Support” – 2013-IP-SI-24564 (\$50,000)
- Carbon County Commissioners, “Carbon County’s RIP Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24576 (\$11,286)
- Centre County Commissioners, “Centre County RIP Expansion Project” – 2013-IP-SI-24499 (\$23,780)
- Chester County Commissioners, “Chester County Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24579 (\$122,888)
- Clarion County Commissioners, “Clarion County Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24546 (\$25,000)
- Clinton County Commissioners, “Clinton County Intermediate Punishment Grant 13/14” – 2013-IP-SI-24604 (\$42,200)
- Crawford County Commissioners, “Crawford County Intermediate Punishment Grant” – 2013-IP-SI-24534 (\$60,000)
- Cumberland County Commissioners, “Cumberland County Intermediate Punishment Programs” – 2013-IP-SI-24601 (\$150,000)
- Dauphin County Commissioners, “Dauphin County IP Program – Work Release Center” – 2013-IP-SI-24599 (\$170,000)
- Delaware County Executive Director, “State Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24507 (\$130,000)
- Erie County Chief Executive, “Erie County IP Programming” - 2013-IP-SI-24533 (\$170,000)
- Fayette County Commissioners, “County Intermediate Punishment Program HA with EM” – 2013-IP-SI-24582 (\$55,000)
- Franklin County Commissioners, “2013-14 Franklin County Intermediate Punishment” – 2013-IP-SI-24516 (\$55,000)
- Indiana County Commissioners, “Indiana County Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24488 (\$23,324)
- Jefferson County Commissioners, “Jefferson Expanded Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24610 (\$19,860)
- Juniata County Commissioners, “Juniata County Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24591 (\$19,978)

- Lackawanna County Commissioners, “Intermediate Punishment (IP) Program” - 2013-IP-SI-24590 (\$59,783)
- Lawrence County Commissioners, “Lawrence County Intermediate Punishment” - 2013-IP-SI-24615 (\$25,000)
- Lebanon County Commissioners, “County IP – Electronic Monitoring” - 2013-IP-SI-24487 (\$50,928)
- Lehigh County Chief Executive Officer, “IP Program Enhancement” - 2013-IP-SI-24492 (\$23,780)
- Luzerne County Chief Executive Officer, “Luzerne County Intermediate Punishment Program” - 2013-IP-SI-24592 (\$85,000)
- Lycoming County Commissioners, “Lycoming County Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24588 (\$19,690)
- McKean County Commissioners, “Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program” - 2013-IP-SI-24583 (\$45,000)
- Mifflin County Commissioners, “2013/2014 Mifflin County Intermediate Punishment Plan” – 2013-IP-SI-24548 (\$53,000)
- Montgomery County Commissioners, “Mental Health Intensive Supervision – CIP 2013-14” – 2013-IP-SI-24532 (\$218,698)
- Perry County Commissioners, “Perry County Intermediate Punishment” - 2013-IP-SI-24617 (\$25,000)
- Philadelphia City Treasurer, “Restrictive Intermediate Punishment” - 2013-IP-SI-24523 (\$650,000)
- Schuylkill County Commissioners, “Intermediate Punishment Program – DUI” - 2013-IP-SI-24598 (\$50,000)
- Somerset County Commissioners, “Intermediate Punishment Coordinator” - 2013-IP-SI-24559 (\$16,024)
- Tioga County Commissioners, “Tioga County Intermediate Punishment RIP 2013-14” – 2013-IP-SI-24593 (\$45,000)
- Warren County Commissioners, “Forest-Warren County IP Program” - 2013-IP-SI-24563 (\$39,406)
- Westmoreland County Commissioners, “IP Expansion” - 2013-IP-SI-24547 (\$150,000)
- Wyoming County Commissioners, “Wyoming County Intermediate Punishment Program” – 2013-IP-SI-24608 (\$20,000)
- York County Commissioners, “York County Intermediate Punishment Program” - 2013-IP-SI-24549 (\$82,610)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Amadio

The next action item requested the Commission to take action on 36 applications totaling \$14,231,600 in state Drug and Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (D&A/RIP) funds. Staff and CJAC recommended approval of these applications. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Dobias seconded the motion.*

- Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer – 2013-IP-SD-24521 (\$1,402,664)
- Armstrong County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24536 (\$214,003)
- Beaver County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24612 (\$34,091)
- Berks County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24587 (\$269,403)
- Blair County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24545 (\$281,198)
- Bradford County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24611 (\$159,410)
- Butler County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24510 (\$254,598)
- Centre County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24500 (\$81,891)
- Chester County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24526 (\$433,788)
- Clarion County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24537 (\$140,810)
- Clinton County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24605 (\$48,819)
- Crawford County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24531 (\$240,844)
- Cumberland County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24602 (\$226,345)
- Dauphin County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24597 (\$179,608)
- Delaware County Executive Director - 2013-IP-SD-24525 (\$352,318)
- Erie County Chief Executive - 2013-IP-SD-24575 (\$52,704)
- Franklin County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24518 (\$220,661)
- Jefferson County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24506 (\$194,497)
- Lackawanna County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24511 (\$303,201)
- Lebanon County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24489 (\$521,864)
- Lehigh County Chief Executive Officer - 2013-IP-SD-24508 (\$555,683)
- Luzerne County Chief Executive Officer - 2013-IP-SD-24570 (\$200,813)
- Lycoming County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24485 (\$427,596)
- Mifflin County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24569 (\$48,693)
- Montgomery County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24491 (\$387,866)
- Northampton County Executive - 2013-IP-SD-24522 (\$200,028)
- Northumberland County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24504 (\$235,675)
- Philadelphia City Treasurer - 2013-IP-SD-24606 (\$4,721,753)
- Schuylkill County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24540 (\$207,102)
- Tioga County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24578 (\$357,934)
- Union County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24607 (\$198,234)
- Warren County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24596 (\$133,685)
- Washington County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24495 (\$223,049)
- Westmoreland County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24555 (\$369,295)
- Wyoming County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24558 (\$214,148)
- York County Commissioners - 2013-IP-SD-24577 (\$119,329)

Commissioner Bergstrom noted there was research under way regarding D&A/RIP, and that outcomes by county would be a good metric to add to the mix when considering funding levels next year. *With no further discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Amadio, Delaney

Next, the Commission was requested to take action on three initial applications totaling \$1,845,606 in Substance Abuse, Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) funds. These applications were recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.*

- Communities in Schools of PA, Inc., “Collaboration through Positive Messaging 2” – 2011-SE-02-24426 (\$632,504)
- Temple University, “INTERRUPTED” – 2011-SE-02-24519 (\$580,585)
- Drug Free Pennsylvania, Inc., “Drug Free Workplace & Education Program Services” – 2011-SE-02-24529 (\$632,517)

Commissioner Marsico asked how much money was currently in the SAEDR fund. Mr. Merwine responded that the fund is fluid, but between \$3 million and \$3.5 million is added to the account every year then distributed as dictated by statute. *With no further discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Kane

Finally, Commissioner Damiani said the Commission was requested to take action on a delegation of authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with approval of the PCCD Chair and the Chair of CJAC, the redistribution of any unexpended Intermediate Punishment funds prior to the expiration of the state fiscal year (June 30, 2014) and augment any existing project(s) or fund new counties who demonstrated a need so that the unexpended funds did not lapse at the end of the state fiscal year.

Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the delegation of authority and Commissioner Rieland seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bergstrom asked if the delegation of authority covered a scenario where the appropriation came in at less than what was anticipated. Chairman Zimmer noted that he believed that the wording covered that scenario. Mr. Merwine noted that subgrantees are aware that across-the-board adjustments will be made if necessary. *With no further discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Next on the agenda was the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) Report. Commissioner Zottola noted that MHJAC would participate in the Housing Alliance Homes Within Reach Annual Conference again as it had done the past two years. In addition, the Housing Alliance asked the Committee to participate in two informational webinars prior to the conference in December. Commissioner Zottola also noted there is legislation introduced by Senator Greenleaf which recognizes the work MHJAC had done and would institutionalize it. The legislation would also add a third formal partner, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC), to the two currently recognized formal partners, PCCD and DPW.

MHJAC's only action item is to request the Commission to take action on three continuation applications requesting a combined total of \$137,058 in federal JAG funds. These applications were recommended for approval by staff and MHAC. *Commissioner Zottola made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Marsico seconded the motion.*

- Beaver County Commissioners, "CJAB Planning and SIM Implementation" – 2011-JG-04-22738-2 (\$100,000)
- Centre County Commissioners, "Crisis Intervention Team Project" – 2011-JG-04-21777-3 (\$5,971)
- Greene County Commissioners, "Forensic/Re-entry Specialist" – 2011-JG-04-22753-2 (\$31,087)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Amadio, King

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) Report was next on the agenda. In the first action item, the Commission was requested to take action on one ongoing application requesting a total of \$91,000 in federal JAG funds. This application was recommended for approval by staff and JJDP. *Commissioner Sharp made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Damiani seconded the motion.*

- Juvenile Defenders Association of Pennsylvania, “Juvenile Defender Statewide Training” – 2011-JG-03-24554 (\$91,000)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

The second action requested the Commission to take action on one augmentation to an existing project and one contract renewal requesting a combined total of \$149,259 in federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) funds. These actions were recommended for approval by staff and JJDP. *Commissioner Sharp made a motion to approve the augmentation and contract renewal and Commissioner Rieland seconded the motion.*

- Shippensburg University/Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research, “Secure Detention Monitoring/DMC Assessment Project” – 2012-J-01-22105 (\$77,495)
- Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, “Police Liaison Project” – PO-4300374104 (\$71,764)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Anderson

Commissioner Sharp recused himself from discussion and voting of the next action item due to conflict of interest and the Chair recognized Commissioner Anderson. The Commission was requested to take action on 23 initial applications requesting a total of \$3,308,165 in state Violence Prevention Programs (VPP) funds. Staff and JJDFC recommended approval of these applications. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Kolar seconded the motion.*

- Alternative Rehabilitation Communities, Inc., “Aggression Replacement Training (ART) Expansion” – 13/14-VP-ST-24505 (\$23,736)
- David & Libby Rosen Center for Healthy Families, “Aggression Replacement Training Dauphin County” – 13/14-VP-ST-24573 (\$194,621)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County, “2013 Big Brothers Big Sisters Expansion” – 13/14-VP-ST-24493 (\$110,000)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lancaster County, “Juvenile Diversion Project” - 13/14-VP-ST-24538 (\$117,205)
- Big Brother Big Sisters of Southeastern PA, “The Big Brothers Big Sisters Back on Track Program” – 13/14-VP-ST-24515 (\$150,000)
- The Guidance Center, “Big Brothers Big Sisters McKean and Elk Counties” - 13/14-VP-ST-24550 (\$175,000)
- Children’s Aid Society of Clearfield County, “BBBS Southern Clearfield County” – 13/14-VP-ST-24478 (\$97,325)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, “Mentoring on the River Front” - 13/14-VP-ST-24527 (\$122,713)
- Lancaster School District, “SDoL Olweus Bullying Prevention Program” - 13/14-VP-ST-24589 (\$109,703)
- Clarion County’s Promise, Inc., “PATHS Phase 3 Promoting Resiliency School-wide” – 13/14-VP-ST-24530 (\$69,005)
- Today, Inc., “Project Towards No Drug Abuse” - 13/14-VP-ST-24496 (\$120,641)
- Family and Community Service of Delaware County” – Strengthening Families Program-William Penn SD” - 13/14-VP-ST-24567 (\$127,303)
- Family Service of Montgomery County, “Norristown Strengthening Families Program” – 13/14-VP-ST-24498 (\$173,101)
- Community Health Partnership of Mercer County, Inc., “Mercer County CTC Strengthening Families Program” - 13/14-VP-ST-24574 (\$162,840)
- Pennsylvania State University, “SFP 10-14 in Westmoreland County” - 13/14-VP-ST-24544 (\$73,043)
- Child to Family Connections, Inc., “Expansion of SFP 10-14 Program” - 13/14-VP-ST-24561 (\$144,644)
- Berks Counseling Center, “SFP (10-14) Northeast Expansion Project” - 13/14-VP-ST-24502 (\$196,141)

- Communities in Schools of PA, Inc., “Incredible Years: Community Networks and Support” – 13/14-VP-ST-24464 (\$198,966)
- COBYS Family Services, ”Incredible Years Child & Parent Training Series” - 13/14-VP-ST-24483 (\$193,986)
- Connect, Inc., “PACE IYS Small Group Treatment Project Expansion” - 13/14-VP-ST-24556 (\$199,909)
- Child Guidance Resource Center, “Clinical Group Program for The Incredible Years” – 13/14-VP-ST-24562 (\$148,283)
- Bedford County Commissioners, “Bedford County Incredible Years-Focus on Parents” – 13/14-VP-ST-24486 (\$200,000)
- Employment Opportunity and Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania, ”EOTC Incredible Years Expansion” - 13/14-VP-ST-24542 (\$200,000)

With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Bergstrom, Bowman, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dobias, Fiore, Godlesky, Kane, King, Kolar, Marsico, Onama, Regan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Storm, Turner, Vulakovich, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Sharp

Chairman Zimmer asked if there was any Other Business. Commissioner Caltagirone offered a brief update of relevant legislation. The Joint State Government Commission had three pieces of legislation which were sponsored by Commissioner Caltagirone and unanimously approved by the Judiciary Committee and the General Assembly. The first related to cross-training the administrative law judges. The second dealt with constables, and the reports showing the review, study, recommendations, changes and upgrades would be shared with PCCD and both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees. The third piece of legislation called for a review of mental health law and statutes and how they affected the criminal justice system. The following week a Judiciary Committee vote was scheduled on a bill related to training on mental health issues for MDJs as well as the police and others involved in the criminal justice system. Another piece of legislation dealt with transferring expungement back to the local courts to ease the overcrowding at the state level. The final piece of legislation being crafted dealt with the constables and was based on the Chief Justice’s recommendations to the legislature.

Chairman Zimmer 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.

Chairman Zimmer introduced Dr. Ed Latessa who some may have heard speak at last year’s JCJC Conference. Dr. Latessa is an expert in the area of evidence-based programs and is a Professor and Director of the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Latessa has published more

than 140 works in the area of criminal justice, corrections and juvenile justice. He is a co-author of seven books, and has directed over 150 funded research projects including studies on day reporting centers, juvenile justice programs, drug courts, prison programs, intensive supervision programs, halfway houses and drug programs. Dr. Latessa and his staff assessed over 600 correction programs throughout the United States and provided assistance and workshops in 45 states.

Dr. Latessa gave a presentation to the Commission entitled, “What Works and What Doesn’t in Reducing Recidivism with Youthful Offenders.”

The meeting concluded at 11:59 a.m.