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Agency Overview:

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) serves as a catalyst for the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency within the Commonwealth and assists victims of crime through support for direct services and by alleviating the financial burdens resulting from the commission of a crime. PCCD strives to effect improvements in the criminal and juvenile justice systems by examining problems, proposing solutions and monitoring and evaluating the impact of those solutions. PCCD assists the criminal and juvenile justice systems to function more productively by fostering interagency coordination and cooperation; developing and coordinating policy issues; providing statewide criminal statistical and analytical services; and granting federal and state funds to provide monies for new efforts or to supplement existing efforts in the areas of victim services and intermediate punishment.

The Commission fosters community-based initiatives in the areas of crime prevention and juvenile delinquency prevention, promotes fair treatment of victims and witnesses of crime, supports local efforts to improve the apprehension and prosecution of those that commit crimes, promotes the use of automated data technology to enhance operational effectiveness in local law enforcement agencies and encourages sound practices in monitoring and treatment of offenders in the community.

Advisory groups and planning committees encompassing Commission and non-Commission members provide insight in dealing with specific areas such as services to victims of crime, juvenile justice, public safety, targeted community revitalization and crime prevention, evaluation, senior citizens, offenders with mental health issues, and cross-system issues.

Services to victims of crime are an important responsibility of PCCD under the provisions of Act 1995-27S which transferred administration of the state's Crime Victims' Compensation Fund to the agency. PCCD also administers various federal and state funding support for victims', which supports grant programs for victim services through the Crime Victims Act.

PCCD implements the County Intermediate Punishment Act, 42 PA C.S. §9801 et. seq.; the victim/witness services provisions and victims of juvenile offenders provisions of the Crime Victims Act; the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Program under state Act 1984-2 as amended; and the Constables' Education and Training Program under state Act 1994-44.

The significant program areas in which the PCCD operates are as follows:

Policy, Legislative, Program Analyses and Monitoring – PCCD is responsible for providing thorough, accurate and timely analyses of factors causing change in the criminal justice system, including legislation that may impact on the dynamics of the system. PCCD's Office of Research, Evaluation, and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD) provides an objective, independent and comprehensive source of policy-relevant data.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention – PCCD develops policy recommendations and administers federal and state funds to support programs designed to improve the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system, and to prevent violence (committed by and against children and youth), delinquency, substance abuse, school dropout, and related problem behaviors among children and youth.

Safe Schools Advocate – Pursuant to State Act 2000-91, the advocate provides support services, victim advocacy and monitoring of the school district of first class cities (Philadelphia). The advocate is responsible for monitoring data submitted by the School District of Philadelphia to the Department of Education to assure compliance with the Safe Schools Act as well as the Memorandum of Understanding with the Philadelphia Police Department.

Victim Services – PCCD works to help crime victims transcend their trauma by providing funding to victim service agencies that work directly with victims, provide financial help to victims through the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP), and collaborate with criminal justice and allied professionals that advocate and respond to the needs of victims.

Criminal Justice System Improvements – PCCD advances the criminal justice system by coordinating with all levels of criminal justice agencies in identifying their issues, developing policies and programs and implementing innovative justice improvement solutions that enhance public safety.

Goals and Key Objectives:

The mission of PCCD is to enhance the quality and coordination of the criminal and juvenile justice systems, facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime, and increase the safety of communities. Ultimately, PCCD strives to serve as a criminal and juvenile justice center of excellence.

Authorized by Act 274 of 1978, PCCD exists to bring diverse and talented stakeholders together to coordinate state and local justice policies and programs, help communities improve the administration of justice, and oversee the allocation of federal and state grant monies.

PCCD strives to make improvements in the criminal and juvenile justice systems by examining problems, proposing solutions and monitoring and evaluating the impact of those solutions. PCCD fosters interagency coordination and cooperation by:

- Developing and coordinating policy issues;
- Providing statewide criminal statistical and analytical services; and
- Granting federal and state funds to provide seed monies for new or existing efforts.

Listed below are the key agency objectives and priorities that were areas of focus during the fiscal year 2014-15. This is not an exhaustive list of PCCD's objectives for this period but a subset that received priority consideration.

1. **Key Agency Objective:** Increase the availability of children's advocacy centers and multidisciplinary investigative teams throughout the Commonwealth to support the victims of child abuse.

Status: Act 28 of 2014 statutorily created the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC), which was charged with expanding the availability of children's advocacy centers (CACs) and multidisciplinary investigative teams (MDITs) throughout the Commonwealth. The General Assembly appropriated \$2 million in FY2014-15 to assist the CACAC and PCCD in that endeavor. To date, PCCD has been successful in maintaining the current CAC infrastructure and has assisted in the development of new CACs and developing MDITs.

2. **Key Agency Objective:** Increase the efficiency and efficacy of state and local planning efforts through interagency planning and collaboration.

Status: PCCD has provided support to local delinquency prevention planning efforts through the provision of technical assistance to the Communities That Care collaboratives in addition to the ongoing support for the Pennsylvania Youth Survey which provides valuable data to communities as they look to analyze their local issues. Utilizing data from the Pennsylvania Youth Survey and other data sources to identify high-risk communities and with some strategic planning, PCCD is actively reaching out to those communities in order to provide resources and technical assistance to address risk factors that put youth at risk. PCCD, in partnership with the Departments of Drug and Alcohol Programs and Education made the survey available to school districts and private/parochial/charter schools free of charge in 2013. It is our plan to do so again in 2015.

3. **Key Agency Objective:** Enhance the quality and availability of services available to victims of crime.

Status: By leveraging new technologies, PCCD has improved the system of processing victim compensation claims, increased the accuracy of victim notification regarding custody status changes of offenders, and improved overall financial

recovery. A web based automation system called Efforts to Outcome (ETO) provides a standardized data collection and reporting system. ETO is in the process of being enhanced by moving to an updated platform called TouchPoints. The ETO TouchPoints platform is an information technology solution that will assist with reaching our stated goal "Enhance the ability to provide quality services to victim service clients by improving the collection, tracking, quality and usefulness of information gathered by VSOs in Pennsylvania."

4. **Key Agency Objective:** Increase the use of innovative programs, promising approaches, and evidence-based programs and practices in order to reduce crime and victimization.

Status: In 2014-15, a total of 4,807 youth participated in evidence-based programming funded by PCCD. This includes 2,261 youth who participated in a substance use/abuse prevention program; 71 percent of those youth improved in their knowledge of the negative consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. In PA, the Juvenile Justice System continually seeks to improve the quality of services it provides to youth and their families. Over the last several years, the juvenile justice system partners have engaged in an initiative that focuses on implementing evidence-based practices at all steps within the system with a goal of improving youth competencies and reducing the likelihood that a youth will reoffend.

5. **Key Agency Objective:** Increase the support services provided to those that have been a victim of violence within the school district of Philadelphia.

Status: In 2014-15, the Office of the Safe Schools Advocate continued to improve as a resource for the school district victim community. The office is utilized as a reference and provides support tools for schools, parents, and law enforcement. Also, the office has been able to utilize the observations it has made to suggest and provide support for evidence-based prevention strategies designed to reduce victimization and promote a safer school environment.

6. **Key Agency Objective:** Improve the accuracy and reliability of state and local criminal justice data through the automated exchange of information data quality initiatives.

Status: Currently, the percentage of electronic prints is meeting targeted projections. One of the biggest challenges remaining to further increase the percentage of electronic submissions, is the availability of *Livescan* and booking center equipment in less densely populated areas. It can be a challenge for smaller law enforcement agencies in these areas to take an officer 'off the street' to transport a suspect to a booking center or equipment location. PCCD has been working on improving the percentage of fingerprints captured by law enforcement since 2006. At the onset of

the project the fingerprint capture rate was reported at 66 percent. The current capture rate is 89 percent. The fingerprint compliance data base can be found at <https://pacjabdash.net/>.

Funding Programs:

Administration of federal and state funding programs continue to be a significant responsibility of the agency. In 2014-15, PCCD awarded 637 grants totaling approximately \$76,703,155. Listed below are the various funding streams that are administered by PCCD to include the purpose of the funds, the number of grants awarded, and the amount of money awarded in 2014.

Federal Funds:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/Drug Control and System Improvement (DCSI) – The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)/Drug Control and System Improvement (DCSI) Program provides seed money to assist non-profit agencies and state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of drug enforcement, correctional treatment/supervision, victim services, juvenile justice, and criminal justice system improvement projects; providing technical assistance to state, county and local units of government; and coordinating regional and statewide training events. PCCD uses subject matter-based advisory committees to identify problems within the adult and juvenile justice system. PCCD's advisory committees are comprised of individuals with a range of state, local, and private sector expertise. PCCD engages its advisory committees in deliberative planning processes to determine how to best utilize JAG funds to improve and build on existing criminal, juvenile, and victim programs.

- Grants awarded: 51
- Total amount awarded: \$6,613,006

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Block Grant – The EUDL Program supports and enhances the efforts of states and local jurisdictions to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, and the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. (Minors are defined as individuals under 21 years of age.)

- Grants awarded: 1
- Total amount awarded: \$87,353

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) formula grant – JJDP funds are awarded to private, non-profit, community-based agencies/organizations, and units of local/state government to support local and statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs pursuant to the provisions of federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002. Eligibility for federal JJDP formula grant funds requires states to comply fully with federal requirements prohibiting the placement of status offenders and dependent, neglected or abused juveniles in secure detention facilities or correctional facilities;

Removing juvenile offenders from adult jails/lock-ups; and reducing the disproportionate number of minorities who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

- Grants awarded: 11
- Total amount awarded: \$1,772,003

John R. Justice Program – Congress enacted the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act to encourage qualified attorneys to choose careers as prosecutors and public defenders and to continue in that service. The John R. Justice Grant Program provides loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to continued employment as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years. Upon determinations of eligibility, payments are made directly to loan institutions on behalf to the prosecutor or defender. Funds must be distributed equally between prosecutors and defenders.

- Grants awarded: 0
- Total amount awarded: \$0

Mid-Atlantic Regional Information Sharing Federated Person Search (MARIS) – This competitive grant program seeks to support implementation of justice information sharing solutions that address critical challenges currently faced by state, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies. The justice information sharing solutions implemented under this solicitation should leverage one or more of the components of the Global Standards Package and support criminal justice policies, practices, and programs that are evidence-based and data-driven. Funds from this award are used to support the Mid-Atlantic Regional Information Sharing consortium efforts sharing arrest, warrant, and criminal justice data within the four primary partners (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia).

- Grants awarded: 2
- Total amount awarded: \$177,253

National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) – The primary objective of NCHIP is to enhance the quality, completeness, and accessibility of the Commonwealth's criminal justice record information, collect the information, and develop the procedures necessary to ensure ongoing accuracy and timely identification of individuals who are ineligible to purchase firearms thereby providing for the safety of the Commonwealth's citizens. Applications are awarded to state agencies and private, non-profit agencies.

- Grants awarded: 0
- Total amount awarded: \$0

Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) Grant – This program provides funding for programs designed to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes. The program permits funding for expenses related to facilities, personnel, computerization, equipment, supplies, accreditation, certification, education, and training. Applications are awarded to counties and the PA State Police.

- Grants awarded: 4
- Total amount awarded: \$425,552

Project Safe Neighborhoods (Federal Funds) – The purpose of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative is to bring together federal, state, and local agencies to focus community attention and energy on reducing gun violence. The initiative utilizes the United States Attorney's Offices to implement or enhance innovative and collaborative efforts to address public safety issues related to gun violence. Each U.S. Attorney is required to establish a task force to develop a comprehensive gun violence reduction strategy and to assess how new resources will impact problem resolution.

- Grants awarded: 6
- Total amount awarded: \$153,333

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) – The overall program purpose of RSAT is to assist states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs within state and local correctional facilities in which prisoners are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit substance abuse treatment. Upon successful completion of the residential program, participants are released on parole with appropriate follow-up and intensive aftercare services. For local programs, the funding provides intensive aftercare treatment for inmates and provides funds for reentry efforts.

Linkages are also made with the local workforce investment board to provide intensive job referral, training, and education.

- Grants awarded: 2
- Total amount awarded: \$837,930

Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Implementation – These federal funds are to be used for programs associated with the changes to Pennsylvania's Megan's Law enacted in Act 111 of 2011 (as amended by Act 91 of 2012). Funds are used to provide training, support absconder task forces, and victim notification and outreach.

- Grants awarded: 3
- Total amount awarded: \$331,867

Statewide Justice Statistics Program – PCCD is designated as Pennsylvania's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) under the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA). The SAC program is designed to maintain and enhance each state's capacity to address criminal

justice issues through the collection and analysis of data. The program provides limited funds to coordinate statistical activities within the state, to conduct research to estimate the impacts of legislative and policy changes, and to serve as a liaison role to assist the Bureau of Justice Statistics with gathering data from respondent agencies in their states.

- Grants awarded: 1
- Total amount awarded: \$53,490

Victims of Crime Act Victim Compensation Program (VOCA Comp) – This program provides payments to victims for medical expenses, counseling, crime-scene clean-up, relocation expenses, loss of earnings and monies that are stolen or defrauded from individuals on fixed incomes. In the case of a homicide, funeral expenses, and loss of support may be compensated to those who qualify. The maximum award amount is \$35,000. Payments for counseling, crime-scene clean-up, and the forensic rape exam inclusive of related medications are over and above the \$35,000 maximum award. VOCA allocates a 60% federal reimbursement to states based on a formula of prior year payments of claims utilizing state funding streams.

Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Program (VOCA) – This VOCA Victim Assistance program provides funding for the provision of direct services as well as financial support to victims of crime. Victims of Crime Act funding is distributed primarily to community-based victim services agencies, although several system-based programs also may receive funding. Victims of Crime Act funding is distributed to all 67 counties in the Commonwealth. In FY 2012-13, PCCD allocated \$14.6 million to county programs. While federal legislation has been introduced to raise the cap on the federal Crime Victims Fund to \$705 million, it is unknown how much would be received at the state level. On average these funds make services available to 120,000 victims per year.

- Grants awarded: 149
- Total amount awarded: \$24,159,212

Sexual Assault Services Program - This funding may be used to establish and maintain rape crisis centers for direct services to victims of sexual assault and to allow for the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of culturally specific programs to assist and advocate for victims of sexual assault in racial and ethnic communities. While the Sexual Assault Services Program was authorized in 2005, the program was first allocated in 2009. In 2013, the Sexual Assault Services Grant Program allowed for the provision of services to 2,834 victims and 1,124 significant others.

- Grants awarded: 1
- Total amount awarded: \$415,639

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program – This program provides support to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to enhance the services available to women who have been victims of violent crime. STOP funding is distributed on a competitive basis to counties or community-based victim services agencies with the money being used to implement program plans that incorporate a law enforcement, prosecutorial and victim services component to address violence against women at the local level. By federal requirement, 25% of funds must be used for prosecution; 25% for law

enforcement; 30% for victim services; 5% for judiciary; and 15% discretionary. Of the 30% allocated to victim services, 10% must be used for linguistically and culturally specific services.

During 2013, federal STOP Violence Against Women funding was used to serve 16,360 victims and significant others of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence across Pennsylvania.

- Grants awarded: 36
- Total amount awarded: \$4,621,936

State Appropriations:

Violence Prevention Programs – The overall purpose of this state appropriation is to support the proliferation of high quality and effective juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs that are cost-effective and produce positive outcomes for youth, families and communities. These funds also supported community mobilization efforts through the *Communities That Care* (CTC) risk-focused prevention planning process, the Resource Center for Evidence-Based Prevention and Intervention Program and Practices and other priorities as identified by the PCCD's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee. Funding is provided to private non-profit community-based agencies/organizations and units of local government. These programs, on average, yield a \$5 dollar return for every dollar invested. Examples of the types of outcomes achieved through the utilization of these types of programs include improved academic performance, improved school attendance, decreased anti-social behaviors, improved social skills and improved family relations. In 2013, nearly 215,000 children took the Pennsylvania Youth Survey, which helped local communities plan prevention initiatives and 19,520 children were provided risk-focused prevention services as a result of this funding.

- Grants awarded: 72
- Total amount awarded: \$5,475,458

Intermediate Punishment Program (Combination of IP D&A RIP and IP in 2011) – The County Intermediate Punishment Act, 42 Pa. C.S. §9801 et. seq., provides for various intermediate punishment program options for non-violent offenders. Eligible offenders are placed in intermediate punishment programs in lieu of incarceration. Counties must submit intermediate punishment plans to PCCD in order to receive funding and they must agree to comply with minimum program standards. The number of jail days saved through the utilization of intermediate punishment programs projects was a significant cost-saving measure for the Commonwealth. Ongoing research on the Drug and Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment participants has demonstrated a significant reduction in recidivism and that only 12.4% of participants recidivate within the first year of successfully completing the program.

The goal of these programs are to reduce confinement costs by providing alternatives to incarceration and secure placement for low-risk offenders and by enhancing opportunities for offenders to successfully reintegrate into society.

During 2014-15 the average numbers of jail days saved by having an individual participate in an Intermediate Punishment program was 20.

In 2014-15 the average number of jail days saved for each participant in a Drug and Alcohol Intermediate Punishment Program was 67.

- Grants awarded: 53
- Total amount awarded: \$17,571,727

Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) – This program provides financial support, training, and technical assistance using state funds as statutorily created by the Commonwealth's Crime Victims Act specifically for victims whose offenders are under the age of 18. Under the provisions of the Crime Victims Act, PCCD provides grants and technical assistance to District Attorney's offices, Juvenile Probation offices, and community-based victim service programs to carry out mandated victim's rights to victims of juvenile offenders as established by the Crime Victims Act. Sixty-five of the Commonwealth's 67 counties participate in this program. In 2012, funds from the Victims of Juvenile Offenders Program supported the provision of services to 21,060 victims, witnesses and significant others of crime victims. In 2013, funds from the Victims of Juvenile Offenders Program supported the provision of services to 38,249 victims, witnesses and significant others of crime victims.

In 2014:

- Grants awarded: 67
- Total amount awarded: \$1,300,000

Safe School Advocate – This appropriation provides funding to support school districts in cities of the first class (i.e., Philadelphia School District). The Safe School Advocate is tasked with assuring the accuracy of school district reporting crime data, advocating for those that have been victimized by crime while at school, working with the school district to implement strategies, and eliminating barriers that would improve the overall safety of those in the school. OSSA submitted an annual report that discussed observations and made recommendations on school safety. OSSA attends disciplinary, delinquency and expulsion hearings to advocate for victims and/or to observe testimony regarding incidents of violence that take place on school grounds.

Children's Advocacy Centers – This appropriation is to support the on-going operation and development of Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC's). Children's advocacy centers are child-focused, facility-based programs. They emphasize the coordination of investigation and intervention services by bringing together professionals and agencies as a multidisciplinary team to create a child-focused approach to child abuse cases.

- Grants awarded: 38
- Total amount awarded: \$1,947,818

State Restricted Revenue Funds:

Victim/Witness Services (RASA) – RASA provides financial support, training, and technical assistance via state funds pursuant to Commonwealth's Crime Victims Act. Under the provisions of the Act, PCCD provides grants and technical assistance to District Attorney's Offices and community-based victim service programs to carry out mandated victim's rights. Currently, all of the Commonwealth's 67 counties participate in this program. Funds are made available through a \$25 penalty assessment on convicted/diverted offenders.

In 2014, funds from the Victim/Witness Services Program supported the provision of services to over 149,253 victims, witnesses and significant others of crime victims.

- Grants awarded: 91
- Total amount awarded: \$5,457,643

Crime Victim Payments – This program provides payments to victims for medical expenses, counseling, crime-scene clean-up, relocation expenses, travel/transportation costs, replacement services, loss of earnings and monies that are stolen or defrauded from individuals on fixed incomes. In the case of a homicide, funeral expenses and loss of support may be compensated to those who qualify.

The Victims Compensation Assistance Program developed the Dependable Access for Victimization Expenses (DAVE) automated processing system for Crime Victims Compensation claims services. DAVE is web-based and can be accessed by crime victims and Victim Service Providers throughout the Commonwealth to enable them to file compensation claims electronically. During the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 the program received 9,711 requests for financial assistance and made payment on 7,114 claims.

- Victims Comp Claims Paid: 7,114
- Amount Paid: \$12,694,978

Constables Education and Training Account – Under Act 2009-49, PCCD provides basic training, continuing education, and firearms training for Pennsylvania's constables through the Constables' Education and Training Board. The Board and its programs are underwritten in whole by a surcharge on fees for constable services. Initiated in September 1996, the basic training, continuing education, and firearm training programs are offered through six regional training contractors with a total of 4,050 individuals certified.

Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Account – Under Act 1984-2, PCCD is required to provide basic and continuing education training to deputy sheriffs through the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board. The Board, its staff, and training programs are supported independent of PCCD's General Fund budget through a \$10 surcharge on each fee levied by sheriffs for every legal service executed. Continuing education is presented at 17 sites across the state in a two-year cycle and is attended by approximately 900 deputies each year. Since the program began in 1985 a total of 5,552 deputy sheriff's have been certified.

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF) – Established pursuant to Act 2002-198 and amended by Act 2006-36, the Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF) provide funds to develop projects that provide research-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services to reduce substance abuse; create statewide programs to educate about the dangers of substance abuse and increase public awareness of the benefits of a drug-free Pennsylvania; support development, enhancement, or maintenance of victim impact panels; and devise statewide programs to educate employers, unions, and employees about the dangers of substance abuse in the workplace. The fund collects fees imposed on individuals who violate the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act as well as laws relating to driving under the influence of alcohol of a controlled substance. Ten percent (10%) of this fund is utilized by the Attorney General’s Office. Funds are awarded to private non-profit agencies.

- Grants awarded: 14
- Total amount awarded: \$2,262,479

Justice Reinvestment Fund – Victim Services - 71 P.S. § 1190.28a(f) – This Act was amended to establish the Justice Reinvestment Fund to support programs and activities to improve the delivery of criminal justice services within the Commonwealth. Funds will be used for a Statewide automated victim information and notification system, victim service automated data collection and reporting projects and programs for victims of juvenile offenders. Savings in excess of \$1,000,000 are distributed to innovative policing and county probation grants.

- Grants awarded: 5
- Total amount awarded: \$526,550

NCAA-Penn State Settlement – These funds may only be used within the Commonwealth for the benefit of the residents of the Commonwealth. The funds may be used to support programs or projects preventing child sexual abuse and/or assisting the victims of child sexual abuse; Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams established under 23 Ps.C.S.; Child Advocacy Centers; victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse; and training of persons who are mandated by law to report child sexual abuse or treat victims of child sexual abuse.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee

Chair: Honorable David W. Heckler

The Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) was established by Act 28 of 2014 to advise the Commission on the development and promotion of programs and projects related to children's advocacy centers (CACs) and multidisciplinary investigative teams (MDITs). CACAC was also directed by the Act to advise the Commission in the distribution of grants to support both existing and developing CACs and MDITs throughout the Commonwealth. The CACAC is comprised of a variety of experts representing the office of district attorney, children and youth services, child advocacy centers, state and municipal police, victim services, physicians, nurses, mental health professionals and hospital administrators. All of the members of the committee have experience in the multidisciplinary investigation of child abuse through the operation of a CAC.

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Chair: Honorable Mike Vereb

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) develops long-range plans and policies and sets priorities for justice projects supported by PCCD's various funding streams. CJAC was created to continue the work of the Public Safety Advisory Committee which was supported by two subcommittees, the County Systems Subcommittee and the Local System Subcommittee. CJAC has two subordinate committees with specific focus and expertise to provide guidance to CJAC: the Law Enforcement Subcommittee and the Local Technology Workgroup.

Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee

Chair: Honorable John Zottola

The Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee provides guidance and structure to ensure statewide coordination and effectiveness of Pennsylvania's criminal justice and mental health systems. The Committee includes representatives from state agencies, county leadership, the courts, district attorneys, public defenders, consumers, families, and other criminal justice and mental health advocates and practitioners from across the Commonwealth.

The Committee also oversees a strategic plan, which calls for a Center of Excellence (CoE) for developing and improving programs to serve adults with mental illness who are involved in the criminal justice system. The CoE supports statewide strategies that: direct technical assistance to evidence-based practices; guide the operation and sustainability of jail diversion and re-entry programs; and provide a clearinghouse for resources related to criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee**Chair: James E. Anderson**

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee is the official juvenile justice planning, coordinating, and policy-setting body for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The committee develops a comprehensive, long-range plan and related policies for the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system. Additionally, the group sets priorities for juvenile justice projects supported by PCCD's various funding streams.

Victims' Services Advisory Committee**Chair: John Delaney**

The Victims' Services Advisory Committee advises PCCD on policies, priorities, and performance standards for victims' services and compensation.

Research, Evaluation and Data Analysis Advisory Committee**Chair: Mark H. Bergstrom**

The Research, Evaluation and Data Analysis Advisory Committee promotes effectiveness of justice programs in Pennsylvania by providing quality research, evaluation, data collection, and analysis to policymakers, program managers, and practitioners.

Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board**Chair: Commander Carmen C. Deluca**

The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board advises PCCD in the development, implementation and operation of legislatively mandated basic training and continuing education that serve as the basis for certification of sheriff and deputy sheriffs within the Commonwealth's 67 counties.

Constables' Education and Training Board**Chair: Constable Fred J. Contino, Jr.**

The Constables' Education and Training Board advises PCCD in the development, implementation and operation of legislatively mandated basic training, continuing education and firearms qualification that serve as the basis for certification of constables and deputy constables within the Commonwealth.