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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
PCCD BUILDING
3101 NORTH FRONT STREET
HARRISBURG, PA
March 8, 2017

Before: Charles H. Ramsey, Chairman
Tomas Aguilar, for Honorable Karen Murphy,
Commissioner
James E. Anderson, Commissioner (via conference call)
Mark H. Bergstrom, Commissioner (via conference call)
Philip Damiani, Commissioner
Thomas Darr, Commissioner
John P. Delaney, Jr., Esq., Commissioner
Honorable Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner
Honorable Leo Dunn, Commissioner
Matthew H. Haverstick, Esq., Commissioner (via
conference call)
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner (via
conference call)
Honorable Curtis Jones, Jr., Commissioner (via
conference call)
Chief Thomas R. King, Commissioner
Jeffrey M. Kolansky, Esq., Commissioner (via
conference call)
Honorable Matthew B. McConnell, Commissioner (via
conference call)
Mary Onama, Commissioner
Honorable Joseph A. Petrarca, Commissioner (via
conference call)
James J. Rieland, Commissioner
Delilah Rumburg, Commissioner
Sean R. Ryan, Commissioner
Richard D. Steele, Commissioner (via conference call)
Honorable Jennifer R. Storm, Commissioner (via
conference call)
James E. Turner, Commissioner (via conference call)
Honorable Randy Vulakovich, Commissioner (via
conference call)
Dr. David Volkman for Honorable Pedro Rivera,
Commissioner
Honorable William F. Ward, Commissioner
Michele Minor Wolf, Commissioner (via conference
call)
Honorable John A. Zottola, Commissioner

Guests

Major Scott Price

Luis Rosa

David Wade

Staff

Derin Myers, Acting Executive Director

Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research and Children's Advocacy

Valerie McMahon, Director, Office of Victims Services

Robert Merwine, Director, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements

Mike Pennington, Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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Matthew Leonard

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Marcy Szumanski

Jackie Weaknecht

Chairman Charles Ramsey called the March 8, 2017 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum of members was present. The first order of business was to review the Minutes from the December 14, 2016 Meeting. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2016 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. Newly-appointed Chairman Ramsey introduced himself to the Commission, and encouraged members to bring any issues they feel are not getting the proper attention to him. Chairman Ramsey would like to see at least one quarterly Commission meeting held outside of Harrisburg every year, possibly including a visit to a site funded by PCCD, to get a feel for what is happening in the field. Chairman Ramsey also thinks it is important to recognize those agencies that are doing a good job to improve the lives of residents in the Commonwealth.

Next on the agenda was the Executive Director's Report. Derin Myers said the final meeting of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) working group was held immediately after the December Commission meeting. The working group considered the overall framework presented by the Council of State Governments (CSG), and approved it to be presented during the 2017 legislative session. The framework revolves around the concepts of saving money by making short state prison sentences more predictable, investing those savings in more effective county probation, and improving the pre-trial and sentencing policies in Pennsylvania. The projected overall savings is \$110 million in corrections costs. The legislation is currently going through drafting and review. The part of this initiative that would most significantly impact PCCD is the creation of a County Adult Probation Advisory Committee to develop standards for probation and parole, develop an overall county probation funding plan, and reviewing grant applications.

Next, Mr. Myers said the Governor's proposed budget includes a \$10 million increase to provide Naloxone to all first responders in the state. PCCD would have to develop a distribution plan covering a two-year period. There is also \$3.3 million in the budget to support the operation of drug courts. If that makes it to the final ratified budget, PCCD will coordinate with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) on how to best make those resources available. There is a need for additional resources to support treatment services and provide supervision for those participating in drug courts.

Mr. Myers said the Commission has discussed its efforts to support the city of Chester at previous meetings. In February, Mayor Kirkland invited PCCD and other stakeholders to participate in a meeting to discuss options related to the violence in the city. After the meeting, the Delaware County District Attorney committed to establishing a multi-point strategy to help the city. PCCD offered its resources in terms of pulling people together, planning, and implementing a strategic plan. There are reentry efforts in place, and PCCD continues to make itself available to Chester to help in any way it can.

Mr. Myers noted that Chairman Ramsey and Attorney General Shapiro are interested in continuing the work of the PA Law Enforcement Executive Policy Board and will co-chair this committee. As the body-worn camera legislation received consideration last year, it was very helpful and productive to have this group share their perspective. The group will convene in the next several weeks.

Finally, Mr. Myers said the Governor has taken steps to address the revenue shortfalls in Pennsylvania relative to complement control. PCCD has experienced this, particularly relative to the victims' compensation program.

Major Scott Price offered an update on a project that the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) worked on with PCCD. Pennsylvania is a point of contact state for firearms background checks, meaning the

Commonwealth handles their own checks rather than relying solely on the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). There has always been a concern about the disparity in information available to federal entities versus state entities. In 2016, Attorney General Loretta Lynch encouraged states to become point of contact states due to the dearth of records in the federal system, and/or to consider submitting additional records to NICS. Very often, the Federal database does not have all the records Pennsylvania does for a variety of reasons, such as juvenile records or fingerprint histories rejected by the feds due to poor fingerprint quality. Back in 2014, PSP worked with Bob Merwine and the Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements (OCJSI) to procure a National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) grant for a NICS Index Submission project. PSP was awarded \$289,000 in NCHIP funds to build a conduit to submit state records to the NICS index. In February 2017, Pennsylvania began submitting and going live with these records. At some point down the road, PSP hoped to be able to bring a concrete example to the Commission of how this public safety vulnerability was being addressed. However, on the very first day there was an email from NICS that an individual was denied the purchase of a firearm out of state as a result of the NICS index submissions. This purchase would not have been denied if PSP and PCCD had not worked on this project. Major Price said there are denials on a nearly daily basis. This is a project that makes a tangible impact on public safety, and it might not have happened without OCJSI's involvement. Commissioner McConnell asked if other states are doing similar projects in support of NICS. Major Price said not every state is participating, and there is no mandate to participate. Some states choose to only submit mental health records. Commissioner McConnell suggested that PCCD make a recommendation to Pennsylvania's legislators to encourage and help other states to participate in NICS.

The next item on the agenda was the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) Report. Kirsten Kenyon said the CACAC's last quarterly meeting was held on February 8, 2017. An overview of the results of a survey on the therapeutic services available for child trauma victims across the Commonwealth which was conducted by the Evidence-Based Prevention and Intervention Support (EPIS) Center at Penn State is included in the meeting materials. Ms. Kenyon also noted that CACAC will soon open a funding announcement for Endowment Act funds to implement multi-pronged, evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention pilot programs in three or four counties in Pennsylvania.

1. *Commissioner Heckler made a motion for the approval of three (3) initial applications requesting a total of \$108,238 in state Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) funds for 2016 Accredited/Associate CACs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Darr.*

- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh-UPMC, "Improving and Continuing CA/SA Services for WPenna" – 27636
\$25,000
- Chester County Commissioners, "ChesCo CAC Support Position" – 27648
\$34,245
- Lancaster General Hospital, "LCCA Family Advocacy Initiative Enhancement" – 27593
\$48,993

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey

2. *Commissioner Heckler made a motion for the approval of seventeen (17) initial applications requesting a total of \$653,388 in state Endowment Act funds to support Programs Assisting Victims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rumburg.*

- MAYA Organization, “Allegheny County Jail Counseling Program” – 27632
\$45,695
- Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, “Services to Victims of Sexual Assault” – 27588
\$50,000
- Family Services, Inc., “Targeted Outreach to Adult Male Survivors” – 27622
\$7,940
- Network of Victim Assistance, “NOVA Trauma Processing Yoga Groups” – 27614
\$17,416
- Franklin County Commissioners, “Franklin County CAC Medical Services for Victims” – 27606
\$50,000
- Friends of Western PA CARES for Kids, “Child Advocacy Center” – 27538
\$48,860
- Children’s Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, “CAC Victim Support Services” – 27631
\$49,936
- Lehigh Valley Hospital, Inc., “Advancing Our Mission to Heal” – 27598
\$6,820
- Family Service Association of NEPA, “Telemedicine Supervision for P-SANE Staff” – 27566
\$50,000
- Mercer County Behavioral Health Commissions, Inc., “Children’s Sensory Integration Treatment Initiative” – 27628
\$49,953
- Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, “Coordinating Services for Victims of Child Abuse” – 27561
\$50,000
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, “Program to Assist Victims of Child Sexual Abuse” – 27599
\$50,000
- Philadelphia Children’s Alliance, “CSEC Full Time Mental Health Therapist” – 27556
\$50,000
- Support Center for Child Advocate, “Meeting the Needs of Child Victims of Sexual Abuse” – 27624
\$50,000
- CASA of Westmoreland County, “Train the Trainer” – 27621
\$12,559
- York County Children’s Advocacy Center, “Child/Family Advocacy Program Expansion” – 27619
\$50,000
- Young Women’s Christian Association of York, “YWCA York Trauma Sensitive Yoga” – 27557
\$14,209

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Dunn, Haverstick, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey, Commissioner Delaney, Doyle, McConnell

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Damiani said the Local Technology Subcommittee has been working with PSP and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) to implement hand-held, mobile ID devices. All the back-end infrastructure and support is now in place, and the first two production units were rolled out yesterday in Upper Allen Township Police Department in Cumberland County. Next, Commissioner Damiani said PCCD is expected to receive \$288,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 as a result of Act 16, which addresses medical marijuana. CJAC has decided to focus the use of these funds on training for law enforcement in the enforcement on this Act. Commissioner Damiani provided updates on two delegations of authority that were approved at previous Commission meetings. Finally, Commissioner Damiani announced that the 2017 Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) Conference will be held April 4-5, 2017 at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center.

1. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion for the approval of eight (8) initial applications requesting a total of \$940,772 in Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) funds to support nonprofit organizations to provide research-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment and education services to reduce substance abuse or to provide resources to assist families in accessing these services. Funds will support the implementation of strategies aimed at combating opioid/heroin overdoses in Pennsylvania communities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner King.*

- Council on Chemical Abuse, “Berks County Opioid Task Force Overdose Initiative” – 2016-SE-01-27594
\$62,723
- Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission, “Reducing Heroin and Opioid Overdoses” – 2016-SE-01-27611
\$150,000
- Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc., “Substance Use Disorder Outreach Initiatives” – 2016-SE-01-27618
\$132,235
- Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc., “Prescriber and Consumer Education to Reduce SA” – 2016-SE-01-27634
\$95,221
- United Way of Laurel Highlands, “Cambria County Drug Coalition” – 2016-SE-01-27639
\$150,000
- Two Rivers Health and Wellness Foundation, “Decreasing Heroin and Opioid Overdose Deaths” – 2016-SE-01-27644
\$106,909
- Twin Lakes Center, Inc., “Somerset County SBIRT Program” – 2016-SE-01-27646
\$95,172
- Washington Drug and Alcohol Commission, “Inc., “Comprehensive Opioid Treatment Program for Inmates” – 2016-SE-01-27650
\$148,512

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, King, Kolansky, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Steele, Storm, Turner, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey, Commissioner Doyle, Ryan

2. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion for the approval of two (2) initial applications requesting a total of \$415,574 in Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) funds to support the education of 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zottola.*

- Allied Trades Assistance Program, “Changing the Culture in Construction 2 (CCC2)” – 2016-SE-03-27471
\$303,634
- Livengrin Foundation, Inc., “Substance Abuse Prevention for First Responders” – 2016-SE-03-27484
\$111,940

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, King, Kolansky, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey

3. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial applications requesting a total of \$504,018 in Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Intermediate Punishment (IP), and Mental Health Enhancement funds for the continued support of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board Specialist positions contracted by County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and related activities. Funds will support CJAB Specialists’ salaries; travel and travel-related expenses; CJAB Technical Assistance and Training grants; CJAB Conference; CJAB Chair and Coordinator Workshop; Statewide CIT Meeting; and/or CJAB Regional Forums and training as necessary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn.*

- County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, “CJAB Technical Assistance and Training” \$504,018

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, King, Kolansky, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey

4. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion for the approval of one (1) augmentation request for up to \$100,000 in federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) funds to support county jail-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), training, and technical assistance (TTA). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward.*

- Cedar Consulting LLC, “Medication Assisted Treatment, Training, and Technical Assistance” \$100,000

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, King, Kolansky, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey

The Victims’ Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Delaney said it was a privilege to work with Chairman Ramsey again, noting that his appointment as Chairman is a true testament to the Governor and will add significant value to the Commission. In May, the 14th Pathways Conference will be held, where Governor’s Pathfinder Awards will be bestowed to individuals and agencies who have delivered outstanding services to victims in the Commonwealth. Next, Commissioner Delaney noted that in 2016, the number of Victims’ Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) claims increased by 13 percent from 2015; the funds awarded increased by 1.4 percent; and staff was able to keep the average processing time below the target of 12 weeks. Lastly, Commissioner Delaney said that due to the significant increase in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds, the federal government has amped up its audit activity, and Pennsylvania is one of the first states to undergo the new intensive audit. The federal auditors have already done the in-house review at the Commission, and are now auditing grantees in the field. Valerie McMahon provided a demonstration of the new Pennsylvania Crime Victim’s app, which will roll out on March 27.

1. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve one (1) augmentation request for \$27,745 in federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant funds to support the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s Maryland Model of Lethality Assessment project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rumburg.*

- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, “STOP Statewide Training and Technical Assistance” – 26416-2 \$27,745

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey, Commissioner King

2. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve one (1) victim service program standard for the provision of civil legal services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rieland.*

- Civil Legal Services Standard

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, King, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey

The next item on the agenda was the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) Report. Mike Pennington recognized Commissioners Jones and Volkman who were recently appointed to JJDP. Mr. Pennington said copies of the 2017 Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Plan are available for the members of the Commission. At least every two years PCCD is required to prepare and update a comprehensive juvenile justice plan on behalf of the Commonwealth based on an analysis of Pennsylvania's needs and problems, including juvenile delinquency prevention. The current plan is the result of 12 months of work and collaboration, and Mr. Pennington recognized Commissioner Anderson for doing a significant amount of the heavy lifting. The plan builds on PCCD's statutory responsibilities and provides a series of recommendations to lay the foundation for a comprehensive delinquency and violence prevention strategy for the Commonwealth. It expedites the implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), which focuses on evidence-based practices at all decision-making points of the juvenile justice system. The plan also addresses key legislative and policy matters of critical importance to the achievement of these goals. The two main areas of focus are delinquency prevention and juvenile justice system improvement. The plan contains 11 recommendations. Mr. Pennington invited Commission members to contact Jim Anderson or himself with any questions after they have a chance to review the plan.

1. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion for the approval of one (1) ongoing application and one (1) contract augmentation. The application is for \$200,000 in federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) funds to support the continuation of the DMC Corporation for Youth and Law Enforcement Engagement. The augmentation is for \$75,000 in federal JJDP funds to support the existing contract for the OJJDP Compliance Database Online Tool. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rieland.*

- Defender Association of Philadelphia, “Youth/Law Enforcement Engagement” – 27545
\$200,000
- Optimal Solutions Technologies, Inc., “OJJDP Compliance Database Online Tool” – 27198
\$75,000

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, King, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey

2. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial application requesting a total of \$156,000 in federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds to support improvements to the Juvenile Case Management System (JCMS), which is the central repository for all juvenile justice system data in Pennsylvania. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rieland.*

- Juvenile Court Judges Commission, “Pennsylvania Juvenile Case Management System (JCMS) Assessment Evaluation” – 27652
\$156,000

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, King, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Storm, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey, Commissioner Steele

3. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion for the approval of eleven (11) initial applications requesting a total of \$656,270 in state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) funds to support Community Mobilizer positions within existing Communities That Care sites in ten counties. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dunn.*

- Northeastern Berks Main Street Foundation, “Kutztown Strong CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27570
\$59,434
- Family Service of Montgomery County, “Norristown Area CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27597
\$60,000
- Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc., “Clearfield County CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27560
\$59,820
- Behavioral Health Services of Somerset and Bedford Counties, “Bedford CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27596

- \$59,052

 - Clearfield-Jefferson Drug and Alcohol Commission, “Jefferson County CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27586
\$59,568
 - North Penn Young Men’s Christian Association (Montgomery County), “Indian Valley CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27579
\$59,712
 - Community Foundation of Greene County, “Greene County CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27630
\$59,124
 - Hazleton Integration Project, Inc. (Luzerne County), “Hazleton CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27595
\$60,000
 - Just Community, Inc. (Bucks County), “Palisades Partners CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27576
\$60,000
 - Healthy Communities Partnership of Greater Franklin County, Inc., “Chambersburg Cares CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27615
\$59,560
 - Coatesville Youth Initiative (Chester County), “Coatesville CTC Community Mobilizer” – 27580
\$60,000

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Doyle, Dunn, Haverstick, Jones, King, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Volkman, Ward, Wolf, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Ramsey

Next on the agenda was the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) Report. Commissioner Zottola said Paul Turcotte provided an update on the activities of the Bureau of Autism Services at the last MHJAC meeting. Dr. Richard Cho, Kati Habert, and Will Engelhardt from the CSG Justice Center presented information on the progress of the Stepping Up initiative in Pennsylvania. This initiative is focused on diminishing the number of individuals with mental illness currently incarcerated. Dauphin County has been selected as a designated site for the County Justice and Behavioral Health Improvements Project with CSG. Discussion was held regarding the viability of using MHJAC as the platform to advance the Stepping Up initiative statewide. The Committee agreed that MHJAC should be the vehicle to advance this effort, so a small workgroup will convene to work with CSG on next steps. Dr. Ed Mulvey and Carol Schubert from the University of Pittsburgh presented the findings of their study on the effectiveness of Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT) in Pennsylvania. Commissioner Zottola noted that the Statewide CIT Meeting will be held March 23-24, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. This meeting will include a one-day workshop for CIT teams, as well as a two-day de-escalation Train-the-Trainer.

The Bureau of Training Services Report was next on the agenda. Mr. Merwine said the February meeting of the Constables’ Education and Training Board meeting was canceled and has been rescheduled for March. There was one item of note from the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board

meeting held last week. The status of the training fund has been trending downward for the past several years. Expenditures have continued to exceed revenues, depleting the reserves. The Board has been monitoring this situation very closely, and has taken some measures to reduce costs over time. By statute, PCCD is responsible to pay for the costs associated with basic and continuing education training for Sheriffs and Deputies, as well as reimbursing the counties for associated costs. Legislation has been introduced to increase the revenue to the training fund. As this legislation is still pending, the Board voted to suspend reimbursements to counties effective July 1, 2017. This will defer the expenses until revenues increase. Commission approval is required in order to do this. Staff will continue to monitor the bill during the spring session and will evaluate the Board's recommendation in order to present an action item to the Commission in June.

Chairman Ramsey asked if there is any Other Business. Commissioner Damiani thanked Mr. Myers and the staff of PCCD for taking an active interest in the City of Chester. Commissioner Dunn asked that the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP) District Representative be included in discussions regarding Chester. Commissioner Aguilar said many of the issues presented with respect to Chester are those referred to as social determinants of health, and there is a place for that conversation as well.

Next on the agenda, Chairman Ramsey 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 14, 2017 at the PCCD Offices.

Commissioner Dunn made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Volkman. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:23 a.m.