

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
PCCD BUILDING
3101 NORTH FRONT STREET
HARRISBURG, PA
March 14, 2018

Before: John T. Adams, Esq., Commissioner
Commissioner Mark Bergstrom
Colonel Tyree Blocker, Commissioner
Honorable Mary Jane Bowes, Commissioner (via phone)
Commissioner Phil Damiani
Michael Deery, Esq.
Commissioner John Delaney
Honorable James J. Fitzgerald (via phone)
Commissioner Jeff Gally (via phone)
Honorable David Heckler, Commissioner
Honorable Curtis Jones, Commissioner
Chief Tom King, Commissioner (via phone)
Commissioner Carol Lavery (via phone)
Honorable Matthew McConnell, Commissioner (via phone)
Dr. Edward Michalik, Commissioner (via phone)
Dr. Ed Mulvey, Commissioner (via phone)
Commissioner Mary Onama (via phone)
Honorable Joseph Petrarca, Commissioner
Mr. Scot Pitzer
Honorable Charles H. Ramsey, Chairman
Commissioner James Rieland
Commissioner Sean Ryan
Commissioner Richard Steele
Mr. Ryan Stevens
Honorable Jennifer Storm, Commissioner
Commissioner James Turner
Commissioner Mike Vereb
Commissioner David Volkman
David Wade, Office of Attorney General (via phone)
William Ward, Esq., Commissi
Commissioner Christine Wechsler
Vicki Wilken, Esq. (via phone)
Honorable John Zottola, Commissioner

Guests: Mr. Tom Maoli
Mr. William Otis
Ms. Jessica Shires

Children's Advocacy System Delinquency Prevention	Staff: Derin Myers, Acting Executive Director Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research and Valerie McMahon, Director, Office of Victims Services Robert Merwine, Director, Office of Criminal Justice Improvements Mike Pennington, Office of Juvenile Justice and Debra Sandifer, Chief Counsel Jeff Blystone Kathy Clarke Christina Cosgrove-Rooks Angi Crater Chris Epoca Theresa Ford Heather Hewitt Rebecca Kiehl Jim McAlpine Luanne Melia Diane Morgan Natalie Novotny-Goles Don Numer Robert Orth Beth Romero Tiana Smith Lindsay Vaughan Jackie Weaknecht
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I. Call to Order

Chairman Ramsey called the March 14, 2018 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum of members was present. The first order of business was to review the Minutes from the December 13, 2017 Meeting.

Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2017 PCCD meeting as submitted. Commissioner Michalik seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

II. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was next on the agenda. Chairman Ramsey introduced the newest members of the Commission, John T. Adams, Esq and Karen Baker. Delilah Rumburg has recently retired and Colonel Tyree C. Blocker will be retiring soon.

Chairman Ramsey and Governor Wolf had the opportunity to attend a meeting on March

2nd in West Philadelphia and the focus of the meeting was gun violence. Obviously gun violence has been a topic that is always on the table. Since the Parkland, Florida shootings, it's kind of reemerged as an issue that needs to be addressed. Chairman Ramsey said they heard a lot of stories, tragic stories, from mothers that have lost children, from individuals who themselves have been a victim of gun violence in school, out of school.

Everyone present today received a map showing all of the counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in red is the per capita number and the number right below it is the actual number of gun involved robberies or assaults by firearm for each county. Obviously, Philadelphia, being the largest county, carries the highest numbers. As is shown on the map, no county is exempt from having this sort of thing happen. Looking at the tragedy in Parkland, Florida, no community, no matter how wealthy, is protected against gun violence.

The Governor and Chairman Ramsey listened at the March 2nd meeting and there will be some funding that will be available to victims and others. One of the points Chairman Ramsey made during that meeting is it goes beyond just money. There has to be a mind shift in many communities and an understanding that there is not going to be a short-term solution anywhere. It will require a long-term commitment, which touches on a lot of the areas that PCCD touches on, mental health, juvenile justice, etc. There are so many different areas that all of us touch on that will really impact the numbers on the map.

III. Executive Director's Report

Derin Myers made some additional comments about the map of the counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that was discussed by Chairman Ramsey. He said that the map does not have homicide numbers. In the last three years the total number of homicides in Pennsylvania have been relatively consistent, 611 in 2013, 611 in 2014, and 661 in 2015. However, the number of homicides by firearm has increased slightly each year, 446 in 2013, 453 in 2014, and 514 in 2015.

PCCD is fortunate because most of the funding will remain level funded in the Governor's proposed budget. Intermediate punishment remained at 18.1 million dollars; the violence and delinquency prevention appropriation remained at four million dollars; the victims of juvenile offenders remained at 1.3 million dollars; and the general government appropriations remained at 6.4 million dollars.

Included with general government appropriation is two million dollars to support drug court operations, the expansion or enhancement of those operations. Derin Myers said we did a lot of listening about the issues around drug court expansion and part of the issue is that counties are not willing to add compliment without some predictability about funding. The Governor included that money again this year. It was in there last year. Once that becomes institutionalized and remains there year to year, counties will be more comfortable adding people so that more individuals are able to go through and benefit from the drug court experience.

Next Derin Myers gave an update on the Naloxone program. The Governor declared heroin and opioid addiction to be a statewide disaster emergency. In collaboration with the Department of Health, clarification was made to EMS workers that they can leave behind Naloxone with individuals who have been saved but decided not to seek treatment. Since that clarification, there has been a significant increase in request from EMS to utilize that resource and to date 66 counties have chosen to participate in the program and 28,000 doses have been distributed. In April, PCCD will collect additional data from the 48 entities that are coordinating this locally to see what needs to happen as far as the next round of distribution. Derin Myers said we're going to reevaluate to see where the utilization is taking place and then make another distribution in April and May.

The Executive Director's Report continued with an update on Justice Reinvestment 2 (JRI2). The senate will be conducting hearings on criminal justice issues starting Monday. The hearings will include testimony on JRI2 recommendations. Those recommendations include approve short state prison sentence processes, investing in more efficient county probation, and improve pre-trial and sentencing policies. JRI2 also includes amendments to the Crime Victims Act. The investment in county probation will be managed by the Commissioner through the Commission and will be a several year process.

An update on the auditor general audit was made by Derin Myers. Preliminary results were received for the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Training Program, Constable Training Program, and follow up on the victim services audit. There is an identified recommendation on an internal control issue related to processing Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff reimbursement requests. The victim service recommendations that were included in previous reports will be closed.

Lastly, Derin Myers announced, with mixed emotions, that Luanne Melia has also decided to retire from Commonwealth service after 35 years. She was a significant factor in a number of key initiatives going back to the children's partnership and the rollout of the community care model and delinquency prevention program. He can't articulate how much PCCD leans on Luanne to make sure that everything fits together, including this meeting today.

IV. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report

Mike Vereb informed us that the Annual Statewide CIT meeting will be held in State College on March 20th. Registration is now closed. The 2018 Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Conference will be held at State College on April 3rd and April 4th. The agenda is being finalized. Registration for the conference is still open. There are over 400 people registered.

A. There are three informational items.

- 1. The first one is 2017 drug court funds. There are 12 applications that have been awarded up to \$1,483,258 in federal CURES Act and state Drug Court funds in accordance with the Delegation of Authority:**

- Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer, 28358, \$175,054
- Bucks County Commissioners, 28350, \$147,566
- Carbon County Commissioners, 28378, \$18,244
- Cumberland County Commissioners, 28322, \$150,000
- Fayette County Commissioners, 28351, \$206,180
- Forest County Commissioners, 28379, \$34,795
- Lancaster County Commissioners, 28306, \$70,812
- Mifflin County Commissioners, 28230, \$163,136
- Montgomery County Commissioners, 28381, \$136,312
- Northampton County Executive, 28344, \$132,723
- Northumberland County Commissioners, 28356, \$166,659
- Tioga County Commissioners, 28243, \$81,777

2. The second one is 2017 county intermediate punishment funds. The following 30 applications will receive \$600,588 in augmentations, one initial application in the amount of \$164,275, and \$729,877 in state intermediate punishment funds in accordance with the Delegation of Authority:

- Allegheny County – 26813 Requested Additional \$45,000
- Armstrong County – 26754 Requested Additional \$20,191
- Berks County – 26861 Requested Additional \$106,955
- Blair County – 26786 Requested Additional \$68,917
- Butler County – 26897 Voluntary Reduction (\$123,541)
- Cambria County – 26828 Voluntary Reduction (\$22,906)
- Carbon County – 26829 Requested Additional \$11,100
- Clarion County – 26755 Voluntary Reduction (\$39,812)
- Columbia County – 26722 Voluntary reduction (\$3,668)
- Crawford County – 26748 requested Additional \$1,117
- Fayette County – 26829 Requested Additional \$6,215
- Franklin County – 26800 Requested Additional \$20,102
- Fulton County – 26715 Voluntary Reduction (\$11,700)
- Greene County - 26788 Voluntary Reduction (\$27,582)
- Indiana County – 26756 Voluntary Reduction (\$25,327)
- Jefferson County – 26801 Requested Additional \$42,531
- Juniata County – 26771 Requested Additional \$31,949
- Lackawanna County – 26728 Voluntary Reduction (\$90)
- Lancaster County – 26763 Initial Application \$164,275
- Lawrence County – 26778 Voluntary Reduction (\$10,107)
- Lebanon County – 26717 Voluntary Reduction (\$138,739)
- Lebanon County – 26717 Requested Additional \$6,425
- Lehigh County – 26731 Voluntary Reduction (\$185,878)
- Mifflin County – 26794 Requested Additional \$29,132
- Northampton County – 26760 Voluntary Reduction (\$87,421)

- Somerset County – 26737 Voluntary Reduction (\$18,672)
 - Tioga County – 26871 Requested Additional \$44,400
 - Warren County – 26912 Voluntary Reduction (\$2,507)
 - Washington County – 26916 Voluntary Reduction (\$31,927)
 - Westmoreland County – 26723 Requested Additional \$166,554
3. Sheriff Senior Check-In Program, three applications awarded \$33,507 in General Government Operations Funds:
- Centre County Commissioners – 28377, \$11,620
 - Venango County Commissioners – 28376, \$9,442
 - Warren County Commissioners – 28371, \$12,445

B. Action Items

1. Mike Vereb said the first action item is one application requesting up to one million dollars in federal State Share Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funds. This funding will support the implementation, planning process, extensive staff training, and technical assistance related to all components of evidence-based practices to all 65 county adult probation and parole departments.

Commissioner Vereb made a motion for the approval of one million dollars in federal State Share Jag Funds for the County Adult Probation EBP Implementation Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones.

- The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), County Adult Probation EBP Implementation Project – 28420, \$1,000,000

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 Adams, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Deery, Delaney, Gally, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Chairman Ramsey yielded the floor to Commissioner Vereb for the next action item.

2. Commissioner Vereb has requested one item for approval. In accordance with Act 22 of 2017, PCCD is authorized to condition requests for funding related to the implementation, use, maintenance, or storage of body worn cameras or recording from such devices. A work group comprised of various stakeholders

developed these policy recommendations related to the body worn camera technology that will be procured with PCCD funding.

Commissioner Vereb made a motion for the approval to adopt the body worn camera policy recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storm.

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 Adams, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Deery, Delaney, Gally, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

V. Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report

Commissioner Delaney informed us that the Victims' Services Advisory Committee membership was expanded to 25 members and not long ago there was a meeting with the expanded membership. It went very well and the new voices around the table were welcomed, appreciated, and valuable.

There was a half day regular business meeting on February 13, 2018 followed by a day and a half strategic planning meeting. The strategic planning meeting was facilitated by Anne Seymour, who is a nationally recognized victims' service expert. Our focus was to work on a long-term funding plan using VOCA money to address the needs of strengthening the infrastructures of victim services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as well as serving unserved and underserved victim populations. Commissioner Delaney said the next regular meeting is in May, but there will be another day of strategic planning in April.

As part of the business meeting, Commissioner Delaney said two victim services standards were approved. With the expansion of VOCA funds, services were funded that weren't funded in the past and there is a need to make sure these services comply with some standard either of PCCD or one of the two statewide coalitions. The two new standards that were approved relate to the provision of 45 day emergency in-home personal care for adults and children as well as temporary emergency housing specifically directed at assisting elderly and disabled victims. There was also significant discussion of our Stop Violence Against Women strategic funding plan.

The strategic planning process a few years ago identified 11 underserved and unserved populations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. One group identified was young

men of color who are victims of violence. They were paid particular attention to when we announced 38 million dollars in competitive VOCA funding across the state.

1. There are a total of 116 applications from 62 counties and seven of 11 statewide applications being recommended for funding.

Commissioner Delaney made a motion for the approval of up to 48 million dollars for state and county applications submitted for VOCA competitive funding for the 2018 to 2020 funding cycle. The motion was second by Commissioner Jones.

Applications Recommended for Competitive 2018-2020 VOCA Funding

- Adams County, Survivors, Inc. – 28219, \$213,576
- Allegheny County, Center for Victims – 28104, \$620,225
- Allegheny County, Crisis Center North, Inc. – 28184, \$374,245
- Allegheny County, Neighborhood Legal Services Association – 28206, \$743,759
- Beaver County, Neighborhood Legal Services Association – 28206, \$289,571
- Butler County, Neighborhood Legal Services Association – 28206, \$289,571
- Lawrence County, Neighborhood Legal Services Association – 28206, \$124,950
- Allegheny County, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape – 28242, \$516,792
- Allegheny County, Sto-Rox Neighborhood Health Council, Inc. – 28164, \$160,547
- Beaver County, Sto-Rox Neighborhood Health Council, Inc. – 28164, \$14,337
- Fayette County, Sto-Rox Neighborhood Health Council, Inc. – 28164, \$14,337
- Washington County, Sto-Rox Neighborhood Health Council, Inc. – 28164, \$64,866
- Westmoreland County, Sto-Rox Neighborhood Health Council, Inc. – 28164, \$49,835
- Allegheny County, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Allegheny County – 28286, \$15,788
- Allegheny County, Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer – 28177, \$747,004
- Allegheny County, Womens Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh – 28134, \$996,635
- Armstrong County, Helping All Victims In Need, Inc. – 28131, \$141,215
- Beaver County, Women’s Center of Beaver County – 28124, \$140,018
- Bedford County, Cambria County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. – 28159, \$123,892
- Cambria County, Cambria County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. – 28159, \$149,072
- Berks County, Berks County Commissioners – 28239, \$160,553
- Berks County, CASA of Berks County – 28241, \$118,902

- Berks County, SAFE Berks – 28270, \$518,111
- Blair County, Family Services, Incorporated – 28249, \$199,385
- Blair County, MidPenn Legal Services – 28216, \$87,404
- Clearfield County, MidPenn Legal Services – 28216, \$58,494
- Cumberland County, MidPenn Legal Services – 28216, \$121,680
- Franklin County, MidPenn Legal Services – 28216, \$86,187
- Fulton County, MidPenn Legal Services – 28216, \$18,067
- Huntingdon County, MidPenn Legal Services – 28216, \$24,973
- Lancaster County, MidPenn Legal Services – 28216, \$218,918
- York County, MidPenn Legal Services – 28216, \$227,236
- Bradford County, Abuse and Rape Crisis Center – 28127, \$140,022
- Bradford County, The Children’s House – 28155, \$125,952
- Bucks County, Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania – 28113, \$209,365
- Chester County, Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania – 28113, \$209,364
- Delaware County, Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania – 28113, \$209,365
- Montgomery County, Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania – 28113, \$209,365
- Bucks County, Network of Victim Assistance – 28178, \$789,553
- Bucks County, SeniorLAW Center – 28200, \$240,278
- Chester County, SeniorLAW Center – 28200, \$240,278
- Delaware County, SeniorLAW Center – 28200, \$240,277
- Montgomery County, SeniorLAW Center – 28200, \$240,277
- Philadelphia County, SeniorLAW Center – 28200, \$947,735
- Butler County, Butler County Alliance for Children – 28192, \$179,639
- Butler County, Victim Outreach Intervention Center, Inc. – 28190, \$207,417
- Cambria County, Victim Services, Inc. – 28105, \$320,981
- Somerset County, Victim Services, Inc. – 28105, \$163,604
- Cambria County, Women’s Help Center, Inc. – 28120, \$217,566
- Somerset County, Women’s Help Center, Inc. – 28120, \$122,806
- Carbon County, Domestic Violence Service Center, Inc. – 28187, \$74,036
- Luzerne County, Domestic Violence Service Center, Inc. – 28187, \$321,620
- Wyoming County, Domestic Violence Service Center, Inc. – 28187, \$40,027
- Carbon County, Victims Resource Center – 28098, \$54,973
- Luzerne County, Victims Resource Center – 28098, \$257,083
- Wyoming County, Victims Resource Center – 28098, \$48,973
- Centre County, Centre County Women’s Resource Center, Inc. – 28165, \$328,299
- Chester County, CASA Youth Advocates, Inc. – 28084, \$282,804
- Delaware County, CASA Youth Advocates, Inc. – 28084, \$523,538
- Montgomery County, CASA Youth Advocates, Inc. – 28084, \$188,638
- Chester County, Chester County Commissioners – 28181, \$123,573
- Chester County, The Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County, Inc. – 28080, \$460,000

- Chester County, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County – 28117, \$498,235
- Clarion County, PASSAGES, Inc. – 28152, \$115,373
- Clinton County, Clinton County Women’s Center, Inc. – 28102, \$125,000
- Columbia County, Beyond Violence, Inc. – 28213, \$50,000
- Columbia County, Columbia County Commissioners – 28194, \$46,494
- Columbia County, Geisinger Clinic – 28148, \$26,919
- Lycoming County, Geisinger Clinic – 28148, \$26,919
- Montour County, Geisinger Clinic – 28148, \$17,949
- Northumberland County, Geisinger Clinic – 28148, \$57,481
- Snyder County, Geisinger Clinic – 28148, \$26,919
- Union County, Geisinger Clinic – 28148, \$26,919
- Crawford County, Women’s Services, Inc. – 28160, \$192,363
- Cumberland County, Cumberland County Commissioners – 28122, \$205,551
- Cumberland County, UPMC Pinnacle Harrisburg – 28095, \$127,298
- Dauphin County, UPMC Pinnacle Harrisburg – 28095, \$169,731
- Lebanon County, UPMC Pinnacle Harrisburg – 28095, \$127,298
- Cumberland County, Young Women’s Christian Association of Carlisle, PA – 28156, \$143,296
- Dauphin County, Dauphin County Commissioners – 28087, \$305,649
- Dauphin County, YWCA of Greater Harrisburg – 28119, \$391,038
- Perry County, YWCA of Greater Harrisburg – 28119, \$125,000
- Delaware County, Delaware County Executive Director – 28285, \$320,085
- Delaware County, Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc. – 28169, \$268,103
- Delaware County, Delaware County Women Against Rape – 28191, \$187,776
- Montgomery County, Delaware County Women Against Rape – 28191, \$178,114
- Delaware County, Family Support Line of Delaware County, Inc. – 28091, \$417,013
- Erie County, Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc. – 28094, \$695,374
- Fayette County, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA – 28129, \$286,784
- Greene County, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA – 28129, \$219,717
- Washington County, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA – 28129, \$138,390
- Fayette County, Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services – 28293, \$89,168
- Greene County, Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services – 28293, \$44,583
- Washington County, Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services – 28293, \$89,168
- Franklin County, Franklin County Commissioners – 28246, \$100,000
- Franklin County, Women In Need – 28180, \$334,420
- Fulton County, Women In Need – 28180, \$125,000

- Greene County, Pennsylvania Casa Association – 28231, \$122,551
- Huntingdon County, Huntingdon House A Program for Victims of Domestic Violence – 28264, \$125,000
- Huntingdon County, The Abuse Network, Inc. – 28089, \$62,500
- Juniata County, The Abuse Network, Inc. – 28089, \$62,500
- Mifflin County, The Abuse Network, Inc. – 28089, \$62,500
- Indiana County, The Care Center of Indiana County – 28101, \$191,653
- Jefferson County, Jefferson County Commissioners – 28297, \$18,537
- Juniata County, Juniata County Commissioners – 28197, \$15,837
- Lackawanna County, Lackawanna County Commissioners – 28217, \$422,982
- Lackawanna County, Women’s Resource Center, Inc. – 28136, \$304,048
- Susquehanna County, Women’s Resource Center, Inc. – 28136, \$36,089
- Lancaster County, CASA of Lancaster County, Inc. DBA CASA of Lancaster County – 28272, \$136,627
- Lancaster County, Lancaster General Hospital – 28107, \$442,193
- Lawrence County, Children’s Advocacy Center of Lawrence County – 28258, \$239,497
- Lehigh County, Crime Victims Council of Lehigh Valley, Inc. – 28163, \$23,898
- Northampton County, Crime Victims Council of Lehigh Valley, Inc. – 28163, \$31,738
- Lehigh County, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Inc. – 28132, \$33,308
- Northampton County, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Inc. – 28132, \$33,307
- Luzerne County, Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center – 28170, \$311,064
- Lycoming County, Young Women’s Christian Association of Northcentral Pennsylvania – 28183, \$265,769
- McKean County, CASA of McKean County – 28146, \$108,675
- McKean County, Young Women’s Christian Association of Bradford, PA – 28209, \$125,000
- Mercer County, AWARE, Inc. – 28083, \$276,450
- Mifflin County, Mifflin County Commissioners – 28114, \$62,474
- Monroe County, CAC of Monroe County – 28261, \$102,362
- Monroe County, Women’s resources of Monroe County, Inc. – 28240, \$286,095
- Montgomery County, Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County – 28093, \$134,541
- Montgomery County, The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth – 28271, \$542,968
- Montgomery County, The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth – 28287, \$525,074
- Montgomery County, Children’s Crisis Treatment Center – 28110, \$49,024
- Philadelphia County, Children’s Crisis Treatment Center – 28110, \$210,532
- Montgomery County, Laurel House – 28137, \$319,842

- Montgomery County, Womens Center of Montgomery County – 28202, \$296,909
- Northampton County, Shanthi Project – 28291, \$39,000
- Northumberland County, Transitions of PA – 28116, \$211,413
- Snyder County, Transitions of PA – 28116, \$125,000
- Union County, Transitions of PA – 28116, \$125,000
- Philadelphia County, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia – 28133, \$352,910
- Philadelphia County, The Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations – 28088, \$439,914
- Philadelphia County, HIAS & Council Migration Services, Inc. DBA HIAS PA – 28126, \$864,483
- Philadelphia County, Lutheran Social Mission Society DBA Lutheran Settlement House – 28151, \$490,525
- Philadelphia County, Nationalities Service Center of Philadelphia – 28166, \$891,545
- Philadelphia County, Center for Advocacy for the Rights & Interests of the Elderly – 28182, \$380,425
- Philadelphia County, Philadelphia Corporation For Aging – 28276, \$971,059
- Philadelphia County, Women In Transition, Inc. – 28082, \$383,298
- Philadelphia County, Women Organized Against Rape – 28260, \$296,776
- Philadelphia County, Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education – 28222, \$1,053,811
- Philadelphia County, Mothers In Charge – 28204, \$670,313
- Philadelphia County, Women Against Abuse, Inc. – 28158, \$1,565,655
- Philadelphia County, Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia – 28259, \$1,009,178
- Philadelphia County, Drexel University – 28235, \$393,358
- Philadelphia County, North Central Victim Services – 28193, \$148,493
- Philadelphia County, E.M.I.R. – Every Murder Is Real – 28196, \$420,156
- Philadelphia County, Philadelphia Children’s Alliance – 28143, \$535,898
- Philadelphia County, Support Center for Child Advocate – 28229, \$443,832
- Philadelphia County, The Center for Grieving Children – 28141, \$250,561
- Pike County, Pike County Commissioners – 28144, \$164,576
- Pike County, Safe Haven of Pike County, Inc. – 28227, \$138,363
- Potter County, A Way Out – 28221, \$121,985
- Schuylkill County, Schuylkill County Commissioners – 28300, \$43,613
- Schuylkill County, Schuylkill Women In Crisis – 28195, \$322,232
- Sullivan County, Sullivan County Victim Services – 28198, \$73,148
- Susquehanna County, Family Service Association of NEPA – 28189, \$60,000
- Wyoming County, Family Service Association of NEPA – 28189, \$36,000
- Susquehanna County, Susquehanna County Commissioners – 28079, \$122,894
- Tioga County, Tioga County Commissioners – 28298, \$24,939
- Washington County, Washington County Commissioners – 28225, \$173,104

- Wayne County, Victims' Intervention Program – 28128, \$125,000
- Westmoreland County, Blackburn Center – 28135, \$691,527
- York County, York County Children's Advocacy Center – 28236, \$202,220
- York County, Young Womens Christian Association of Hanover, Pennsylvania – 28096, \$288,900
- York County, Young Womens Christian Association of York – 28130, \$584,183

Statewide Applications recommended for Funding

- Friends of Farmworkers, Inc. – 28252, \$505,094
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape – 28278, \$962,640
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence – 28100, \$997,470
- Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC) – York – 28118, \$965,724
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape – 28162, \$523,370
- Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole – 28108, \$1,150,317
- Network of Victim Assistance – 28103, \$302,307

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 Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Deery, Delaney, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Mulvey, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Adams, Damiani, Gally, McConnell, Michalik, Onama, Rieland, Storm, Ward

Chairman Ramsey yielded the floor back to Commissioner Delaney for the next action item.

2. The next action item, as stated by Commissioner Delaney, is requesting approval of funds in an amount not to exceed \$74,000 that are remaining from the expired Department of Aging VOCA discretionary grant to Temple University Institute on Protective Services. The Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) and staff recommend that these funds be awarded to Temple University Institute on Protective Services for work in conjunction with the Department of Aging to produce online training modules aimed at providing services to elderly and disabled victims of crime.

Commissioner Delaney made a motion for approval of funds to Temple University on Protective Services in an amount not to exceed \$74,000 pending resolution of any outstanding problematic concerns. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner.

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 Adams, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Deery, Delaney, Gally, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstentions: None

Chairman Ramsey yielded the floor to Commissioner Steele who will give the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee Report in Commissioner Anderson's absence.

VI. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee Report

Commissioner Steele said the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC) held its quarterly meeting on February 1st, 2018. The meeting included a detailed discussion of the First Chance Trust Fund. Some of the enabling legislation in Act 44 of 2017 required a PCCD Policy Statement which was adopted at the December 2017 Commission Meeting. Robert Orth provided the JJJPC members with an outline for developing the data collection and analysis that will guide the project moving forward.

The First Chance Trust Fund is intended to support the scholarship program in an award grant to benefit children and students in regions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that have statistically higher dropout, incarceration, or crime rates as determined by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. All the elements of the data collection process are undergoing thorough review and scrutiny.

A Planning Committee has been formed to begin to address the many issues involved in implementing this legislation. The committee is now chaired by JJJPC member Stephen Bishop of the Casey Foundation. They will report their work at future Commission Meetings. That group did hold its organizational meeting on February 28, 2018.

1. Commissioner Steele made a motion for the approval of up to \$201,352 in SAEDR Funds for two initial projects. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rieland.

- Karns City School District Communities that Care (Butler County), "Positive Action Program" – 28335, \$51,398
- Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Foundation, "Changing the Culture with Two Forms of the SBIRT Program" – 28312, \$149,954.

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 Adams, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Deery, Delaney, Gally, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Chairman Ramsey yielded the floor back to Commissioner Steele.

2. *Commissioner Steele made a motion to delegate authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with approval of the Chairman of PCCD and the Chairman of the JJDPC, the redistribution of any unexpended or voluntarily returned funds under the Delinquency Prevention Programs (DPP) awards prior to the expiration of the state fiscal year, June 30, 2018, and to use these funds for such activities as, but not limited to, augmenting existing projects; providing booster trainings for our evidence-based programs; and supporting the annual Commonwealth Prevention Alliance Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heckler.*

- Delinquency Prevention Funds – Redistribution of Unexpended or Voluntarily Returned Funds

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 Adams, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Deery, Delaney, Gally, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

VII. Mental Health and Justice System Advisory Committee Report

Commissioner Zottola said the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) did not meet on February 7th, 2018, as planned, because of inclement weather.

The Stepping Up Summit was held on December 4 and 5 of 2017 in State College. There was great attendance at the event. The event was in partnership with the Department of Human Services, the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, and the Council of State Governments Justice Center. The Summit brought together teams from counties that included county commissioners, district attorneys, public defenders, drug and alcohol administrators, adult probation and parole treatment providers, and specialists, to name a few, that participated in this educational forum with a call to action for Pennsylvania.

Since the Summit, additional counties have passed resolutions which declare that as a county they are committed to addressing the issue of individuals with mental illness. MHJAC will discuss technical assistance for counties for the implementation of Stepping Up during our May meeting and will have some recommendations and action items for the June meeting

Commission Zottola reiterated what Commissioner Vereb had said about the March 20 Statewide CIT Meeting, which will be held in State College. He advised the Commission about another upcoming event. The CIT Verbal Deescalation Training or Train the Trainer Session will be held on May 7 and 8 in 2018 in Cranberry Township, Butler County. The goal of MHJAC is to increase the capacity of CIT programs and instructors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Only 25 individuals will be accepted in this program. It will be open for registration in the next two weeks.

MHJAC supported a symposium that was held by the University of Pittsburgh on the media reporting of gun violence and there were over 180 attendees at that meeting. It was streamed live at the same time with many other viewers watching.

VIII. Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Report

Commissioner Heckler said the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) held its quarterly meeting on February 6, 2018. There are two action items.

1. Commissioner Heckler made a motion for approval of one application for \$45,971 in State CAC Funds to support the Mercer County CAC's Mental Health Training program. The motion was seconded by Sean Ryan.

- Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission, Inc., "Mercer County CAC Mental Health Training" – 28328, \$45,971

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 Adams, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Deery, Delaney, Gally, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner McConnell

Chairman Ramsey yielded the floor back to Commissioner Heckler.

Commissioner Heckler said the second group of applications for the Commission's attention is a continuation of the Endowment Act funding for programs assisting victims. The grants would be for a wide variety of projects, including trauma therapy for victims, pediatric forensic nurses, and family advocates.

2. *Commissioner Heckler made a motion for the approval of 12 applications requesting a total of \$444,769 in Endowment Act Funds. The motion was second by Michael Deery.*

- MAYA Organization, "Allegheny County Jail Counseling Program" – 27632-2, \$36,538
- Network of Victim Assistance, "NOVA Trauma Processing Yoga Groups" – 27614-2, \$13,895
- Franklin County Commissioners, "Franklin County CAC Medical Services for Victims" – 27606-2, \$40,000
- Friends of Western PA CARES for Kids, "Child Advocacy Center" – 27538-2, \$39,088
- Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County, "CAC Victim Support Services" – 27631-2, \$39,958
- Family Service Association of NEPA, "Telemedicine Supervision for P-SANE Staff" – 27566-2, \$35,328
- Mercer County Behavioral Health Commissions, Inc., "Children's Sensory Integration Treatment Initiative" – 27628-2, \$39,962
- Children's Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, "Coordinating Services for Victims of Child Abuse" – 27561-2, \$40,000
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, "Program to Assist Victims of Child Sexual Abuse" – 27599-2, \$40,000
- Philadelphia Children's Alliance, "CSEC Full Time Mental Health Therapist" – 27556-2, \$40,000
- Support Center for Child Advocate, "Meeting the Needs of Child Victims of Sexual Abuse" – 27624-2, \$40,000
- York County Children's Advocacy Center, "Child/Family Advocacy Program Expansion" – 27619-2, \$40,000

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 Adams, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani,

Deery, Delaney, Gally, Heckler, Jones, King, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner McConnell, Lavery

IX. Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board

Bob Merwine said there is one action item to consider today and it's related to a policy change that impacts the Fitness Program that the training board runs at the Basic Training Academy. The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board has been running Fitness Programs and doing testing for the past 60 days and had to address issues with the challenges between the expenses and the revenues the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board has been working with.

One of the issues that has come to the forefront is the need to do a pretest or precertification for individuals before they attend the Academy. Individuals that attend the Academy are given multiple opportunities to test while at the Academy up until and including the final week of the Academy. Unfortunately, some of the individuals do not pass that test at the end of the Academy and the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Board has spent approximately \$30,000 per individual training them for the 19 weeks.

The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board is desiring to change their policy to include a precertification that would be at the 20 percentile of the Cooper Standards for entrance into the Academy. If an individual can pass the 20 percent, there is a higher likely chance they will be able to train and pass that 40 percentile as they go through. That is really the only change.

The major change is that instead of having three chances to pass the test during the Academy, there would only be two. There would be a precertification test to get into the Academy and then two opportunities during the course of the Academy to pass the Fitness Standards. Mr. Merwine asked for a motion to make this policy change.

Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the policy changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vereb.

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 Adams, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Deery, Delaney, Gally, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Pitzer, Ramsey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Stevens, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, Wechsler, Wilken, and Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

X. Constables' Education and Training Board

Chairman Ramsey said the Constables' Education and Training Board has no report for today.

XI. Other Business

Commissioner Jones mentioned that there is a need for a Woman's and Girl's Subcommittee to examine women's issues unique to them, such as pregnancy and child delivery while incarcerated or custody. Female members of the legislature asked him to bring this up to the Commission.

Commissioner Damiani pointed out that, in light of the map that was handed out, Pennsylvania's first city, Chester, continues to have one of the highest rates of homicides in the nation. The data here represents that probably 80 percent or more of the gun violence takes place in the city of Chester. This is a city that next year will celebrate its 375th anniversary and has such a disproportionate number of gun violence and homicides with a population of just under 35,000 people in a county of 550,000 people. A collective approach is needed to make a difference in this city that has a lot of opportunity. It has a tremendous location right on the riverfront. It has a great history and yet it just kind of blows by with more shootings and it's kind of passed by and accepted in various ways. A coordinated approach could be taken for positive change in Chester.

XII. Public Voice

There was no Public Voice offered.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Ramsey said the next Commission meeting will be June 13, 2018 starting at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a meeting on September 12, 2018 and December 12, 2018 also starting at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner McConnell. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:27 a.m.