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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

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HARRISBURG, PA

June 11, 2014

Before: Mark R Zimmer, Chairman  
James E. Anderson, Commissioner  
Mark H. Bergstrom, Commissioner  
Honorable Thomas R. Caltagirone, Commissioner  
Thomas Darr, for Honorable Zygmunt Pines,  
Commissioner  
John P. Delaney, Jr., Commissioner  
Peg Dierkers, Commissioner  
Honorable Gary F. Dobias, Commissioner  
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner  
Honorable Kathleen Kane, Commissioner  
Chief Thomas R. King, Commissioner,  
Jeffrey M. Kolansky, Commissioner  
Dennis R. Marion, for Honorable Beverly D. Mackereth,  
Commissioner  
Honorable Edward M. Marsico, Jr., Commissioner  
Honorable Michael Potteiger, Commissioner  
James J. Rieland, Commissioner  
Therese Louise Rocco, Commissioner  
Michael A. Schwartz, Commissioner  
Keith Snyder, Commissioner  
Jennifer R. Storm, Commissioner  
Bruce J. Teitelbaum, Commissioner  
Honorable Gary Tennis, Commissioner  
Honorable Randy Vulakovich, Commissioner  
Honorable John A. Zottola, Commissioner

Guests

Maureen Cleaver

David Volkman

Nate Wilcox

Staff

Linda Rosenberg, Executive Director

John Frain, Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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

Robert Merwine, Director, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements

Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration

Lynn Shiner, Director, Office of Victims' Services

John Pfau

Steve Turner, Chief Counsel

Bob Ardner

Jeffrey Blystone

Kathy Buckley

Tom D'Annunzio

Bobby Juip

Luanne Melia

Natalie Novotny-Goles

Jackie Weaknecht

Danielle Wilbert

Chairman Zimmer called the June 11, 2014 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:13 a.m. The first order of business was to review the Minutes from the March 12, 2014 Meeting. *A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Darr. Commissioner Caltagirone seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

The next item on the agenda was the Chairman's Report. Chairman Zimmer announced that despite his recent retirement, Jim Anderson has been named as Chairman of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDPC), and is therefore a member of the Commission once again. Keith Snyder is the newest member of the Commission as the new Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC). Chairman Zimmer introduced Kirsten Kenyon, the new Director of the PCCD Office of Research, Evaluation and Policy Development.

Chairman Zimmer was pleased to have the honor of presenting the 2014 Visionary Voice Award for Pennsylvania to Lynn Shiner, the Director of the PCCD Office of Victims' Services (OVS), at the Pathways Conference in State College. This award is given in recognition of the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding work to end sexual violence. Chairman Zimmer announced that Commissioner Marsico, in his role as Chairman of the Dauphin County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB), and Catharine Kilgore, the Dauphin County CJAB Coordinator, recently received the 2014 Honorable Judge Linda K.M. Ludgate CJAB Excellence in Leadership Award. This honor is bestowed annually upon a recipient or recipients who, in leading their county CJAB, exhibit Judge Ludgate's brand of enthusiasm and passion for increasing the effectiveness of the local criminal justice system. Next, Chairman Zimmer announced that Union County will be presented with the County Commissioners' Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) CJAB Best Practices Award at the upcoming CCAP conference. Several PCCD programs have also been honored, including the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Center of Excellence at Penn State which was selected as the recipient of the 2014 National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award for the Northeast Region. Linda Rosenberg and Commissioner Anderson will accept that award at the annual conference in August. Additionally, the PCCD-funded "Investigating Human Trafficking" training modules recently won a Gold Award in the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Creativity International Awards. These modules were developed to train law enforcement to combat human trafficking in the Commonwealth.

Chairman Zimmer offered some informational updates that the Commission should be aware of: an earmark from the legislature was awarded for \$450,000 in state Violence Prevention Program (VPP) Funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters in Southeastern Pennsylvania; an augmentation of \$25,835 in Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) stimulus dollars was made to the University of Pennsylvania for the completion of the study on Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs); and an award of \$30,000 in state JAG funds was made to the County Chief Adult Probation Officers Association for the development of a strategic plan on the implementation of evidence-based practices in county adult probation departments. Chairman Zimmer read a memo addressed to Ms. Rosenberg from PA Budget Office Secretary Charles Zogby stating that an excess of \$5 million was identified in the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Account and will be transferred to the General Fund during fiscal year 2013-2014. The full memo is appended to the minutes. (Attachment A)

Finally, Chairman Zimmer said that he is proud of Office of Victims' Services, regarding the assistance they offered to the Franklin Regional High School in Westmoreland County after the stabbings on April 9, 2014.

Next on the agenda was the Executive Director's Report. Ms. Rosenberg said that, in accordance with long-standing policy, the Commission would be asked to act on applications for state funds in the hope that those funds will be part of the enacted budget and therefore available to support the programs. The Intermediate Punishment (IP) program continues to grow with terrific results, particularly the Drug and Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (D&A RIP) program. This fiscal year \$21 million was requested from 51 counties with only \$17 million available. PCCD was counting on some money left over from previous years to cover the shortfall, but those dollars were unfortunately put in budgetary reserve. As a result, many counties will not receive the amount of IP Funding requested. PCCD worked closely with the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing (PCS) and the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to evaluate all the applications. A formula was created, based on performance in previous years, to determine how much funding should be cut from each program. Ms. Rosenberg noted that PCCD's federal funding looks somewhat better. The Commerce Justice Appropriations bills, which fund all the Department of Justice (DOJ) programs, passed the House and the Senate, and PCCD is hopeful that funding levels will remain fairly constant for most programs.

Ms. Rosenberg offered an update on the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Every state needed to certify if they would be PREA-compliant by the end of May. Governor Corbett communicated that Pennsylvania would not be able to certify full compliance, due to a lack of certified auditors and the unavailability of audit instruments. Only New Jersey and New Hampshire were able to come in to compliance. Forty-six other states will work to come into compliance in the future. Pennsylvania will be assessed a non-compliant five percent penalty, or \$428,000, in STOP, JAG and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) funds. PCCD is waiting for guidance from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in terms of how the penalties will be assessed and how the money can be returned to help Pennsylvania come into compliance. Ms. Rosenberg said PCCD is working closely with NCJA and remains hopeful that the penalties will be waived in 2015. The waiver was included in the most recent commerce justice appropriation bill. Ms. Rosenberg said the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) runs a statewide committee consisting of representation from all the impacted agencies including PCCD. Commissioner Dierkers noted that the victims' service community has been working hard to get the waiver for STOP funding because victims' services has no control over what occurs in state correctional systems. Commissioner Rieland said that one of the issues for local crime victim agencies is trying to work with the State Correctional Institutes (SCIs) who expect victims' services to be provided for free. Commissioner Rieland felt that if SCIs want those services they need to enter into contracts with the agencies and pay them for services provided.

Ms. Rosenberg said the local JAG competitive funding announcement closed on April 7 with 108 applications requesting \$10.8 million received against an available \$2.8 million. Initial scoring was completed on May 19, and the Tier One review was completed on June 6. The remaining 47 applications were then ranked in priority order within the various objectives. Following the Tier Two review, which starts the week following the meeting, the applications will be returned to the respective advisory

committees for consideration. The final application recommendations will be brought before the Commission in September.

As part of PCCD's continuing effort to improve the quality of criminal justice data, the Fingerprint Compliance Dashboard has been deployed. The first phase, the statewide dashboard, is already in place and the local-level dashboard will be deployed next week. PCCD is hopeful that this will help continue the upward trend of the fingerprint compliance rate. Additionally, a new PCCD website, which is more contemporary and user-friendly, was deployed. The next step will be incorporating a Twitter feed in the website. PCCD completed its work with Senator Greenleaf's At-Risk Youth Caucus after presenting to them three times on the Commission's work on delinquency prevention. The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) was also discussed and found support within the caucus. The countywide PAYS reports were sent out to the superintendents in May. Due to the interest of the caucus, meetings were held with the superintendant of the Philadelphia School District to discuss implementing a pilot program in a few schools. Ms. Hodge, Safe Schools Advocate, also partnered with the Philadelphia District Attorney and visited eleven middle schools to educate students on the dangerous consequences of bullying. At the recent one-day CCAP conference on drug overdose problems in the Commonwealth, Ms. Rosenberg presented on PCCD's delinquency prevention programs, the drug drop-off program, and the D&A RIP program. The day before the Commission meeting, each office in PCCD participated in a presentation to an Iraqi delegation on the criminal justice system and particularly on the computer systems used. The delegation was very interested in the State Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) system and PCCD's juvenile justice programs. The day after the Commission meeting, PCCD's staff appreciation day is scheduled with El Sawyer slated to speak about reentry.

Finally, Ms. Rosenberg offered several legislative updates. Senate Bill 1341, which consolidated the PCCD law, the Deputy Sheriffs Education Training Act, and the Crime Victims Act into Title 44, passed the Senate unanimously and will move to the House Judiciary Committee. Senate Bill 75, which would create a new chapter in Title 18 pertaining to victims of human trafficking, passed the Senate in December of 2013. PCCD will be required to develop an informational piece on persons coming in contact with human trafficking if funds are available, and a virtual training course has already been developed for law enforcement which was very well received. House Resolution 45 was introduced by Commissioner Caltagirone and directed PCCD to do the analysis of CACs. House Resolution 226 directed the Joint State Government Commission to do a study on Pennsylvania's mental health system and report back with recommendations on how to divert folks with mental illness out of the criminal justice system. Commissioner Dobias asked what the wisdom is in limiting CACs to help individuals in only their own counties. Chairman Zimmer responded that the report from the University of Pennsylvania actually dealt more in terms of regions than counties, except in the counties where the volume of incidents would dictate a dedicated CAC. Ms. Rosenberg agreed, noting that the report specifically recommended certain counties work together. In fact, restricting CACs to their own counties was not a recommendation of the CAC report. Commissioner Heckler asked Commissioner Dobias to write a letter expressing his concerns so they can be discussed at the next CACAC meeting. Commissioner Dierkers asked if the CAC report could be made available to interested parties.

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Marsico said that a summary of the most recent CJAC meeting was available in the meeting materials and the committee had four action items to present.

The Commission was requested to take action on two new and four continuation applications totaling \$958,419 in JAG funds. All requests were recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Marsico made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Zottola seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania State Police, “PSP – MPOETC Curriculum Revision – 2014” – 2011-JG-01-25311 (\$50,000)
- Pennsylvania State Police, “Mobile Identification Support” – 2012-JG-04-25485 (\$800,000)
- Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department, “Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department” – 22889-3 (\$15,625)
- Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department, “Buffalo Valley Regional Police Administration Assistance Grant” – 23440-3 (\$16,666)
- Cumberland County Commissioners, “Cumberland County System Improvement Project” – 22725-3 (\$33,334)
- Union County Commissioners, “Creation of Day Reporting Center” – 22697-3 (\$42,794)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

In the second CJAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on 51 County Intermediate Punishment applications requesting \$17,847,000 in state County Intermediate Punishment funds. All requests were recommended for approval by staff and CJAC, contingent upon availability of funds in the 2014/2015 budget. A listing of the 51 grant applications is appended to the minutes. (Attachment B) *Commissioner Marsico made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Storm seconded the motion.*

Commissioner Bergstrom noted that during the CJAC meeting concerns regarding the consistency of sentences imposed with statute were brought up by PCS. Commissioner Bergstrom felt that PCCD staff did a great job of reaching out to PCS and the counties to address some of those concerns since that time. Bob Merwine said there were concerns regarding about a dozen applications. Seven of those were resolved by conference call and the other five required on-site visits with county officials to work through the issues. Some of those counties are still in the process of resolving issues and their funds will be held

until resolution is achieved. *With no further discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Dobias, Marsico

In the next CJAC action item, the Commission was requested to delegate authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with approval of the Chairman of PCCD and the Chairman of CJAC, the redistribution of any unexpended Intermediate Punishment funds prior to the expiration of the state fiscal year (June 30, 2015) and augment any existing project or fund new counties who demonstrate a need so that the unexpended funds do not lapse at the end of the state fiscal year. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Marsico made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Dobias seconded the motion. With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

In the final CJAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on an augmentation request to re-award \$45,940 in federal JAG funds. These funds will supplement the award to the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI) for the project entitled: "Training Initiatives - PDAI 2013/2014" (2011-JG-06-24916). These funds will be used to present three additional trainings in 2014 that were recommended by the Education and Training Committee of PDAI. These funds were returned by PDAI from earlier awards that supported their various education and training initiatives during the past two years. Some of the returned funds were due to a position that went unfilled for three months. In addition, travel costs for trainers, faculty/student expenses and website redesign estimates came in under-budget. These factors have resulted in the request to re-award the above-referenced funds. The three additional trainings to be supported are the Spring Basic Prosecutors Training, Leadership for Prosecutors, and the December Basic Prosecutors Training. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Bergstrom made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Marion seconded the motion. With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Kane, Marion, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Dobias, Heckler, Marsico

Next on the agenda was the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) Report.

Commissioner Zottola summarized the last MHJAC meeting, noting that Ms. Nina Wall from the Bureau of Autism Services presented a report which was so appreciated that the committee requested Ms. Wall to provide ongoing quarterly updates on the activities of her Bureau.

The Commission was requested to take action on one continuation application totaling \$15,544 in JAG funds. These funds will continue to support the Forensic/Reentry Specialist in Greene County. The application was recommended for approval by staff and MHJAC. *Commissioner Zottola made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.*

- Greene County Commissioners, “Forensic/Re-Entry Specialist” – 22753-3 (\$15,544)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

The next item on the agenda was the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC) Report. Commissioner Anderson noted that there was a 20 percent increase in the number of school districts participating in the PAYS survey and a 34 percent increase in the number of students completing the survey. These numbers are representative of a major shift in participation in the survey.

In the first JJJPC action item the Commission was requested to take action on one application requesting \$75,000 in federal JAG funds. The funds will support the ongoing Juvenile Defense Statewide Training Project delivered by the Pennsylvania Juvenile Defenders’ Association to defense counsel working within county juvenile court systems. Staff and JJJPC recommended approval of this grant application. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Rieland seconded the motion.*

- Juvenile Defenders Association of Pennsylvania, “Juvenile Defense Statewide Training Project” – 2012-JG-03-25358 (\$75,000)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

Next, the Commission was requested to take action on one contract renewal requesting \$35,833.64 in federal JJDP funds to the Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers to support the contract renewal for the Police Liaison Project. Staff and JJDP recommended approval of this contract renewal. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Heckler seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, “Police Liaison Project” – PO4300409644 (\$35,833.64)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

In the third JJDP action item, the Commission was requested to take action on 12 initial applications requesting a combined total of \$1,824,664 in state VPP funds. The applications will provide services to youth and families in 15 counties. All approved applicants will receive training and technical assistance from the EPISCenter at Penn State University to ensure accurate implementation/expansion of these programs. Staff and JJDP recommended approval of these grant applications. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Rieland seconded the motion.*

- Adelphoi Village, Inc., “Aggression Replacement Training (ART) Program” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25240 (\$57,962)
- The Learning Lamp, Inc., “Aggression Replacement Training (ART)” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25292 (\$145,816)
- Employment Opportunity and Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania, “The Incredible Years DINA Small Group Expansion” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25252 (\$178,502)

- Bedford County Commissioners, “Bedford-Fulton-Somerset Incredible Years Expansion” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25265 (\$199,975)
- COBYS Family Services, “Incredible Years Parent and Child Training Series” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25249 (\$200,000)
- David & Libby Rosen Center for Healthy Families, “Incredible Years Series Expansion: Adams County” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25295 (\$200,000)
- Child Guidance Resource Center, “The Incredible Years Group Therapy Program” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25305 (\$192,538)
- Erie City School District, “Olweus Bullying Prevention Program for ECSD” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25303 (\$125,484)
- Communities in Schools of Southwest Pennsylvania, Inc., “LifeSkills Training for Middle Schools Program” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25247 (\$189,930)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region, “Community-Based Mentoring in the Capital Region” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25304 (\$110,948)
- Council on Chemical Abuse, “Project Toward No Drug Abuse” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25248 (\$53,974)
- Chester County Council on Addictive Diseases (COAD), “SFP 10-14 for Phoenixville Area” – 2014/2015-VP-ST-25278 (\$169,535)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

In the final JJDPC action item the Commission was requested to take action on 11 applications requesting a combined total of \$1,100,000 in state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) funds to implement, continue or expand research-based projects for prevention, intervention, treatment, training and education services that reduce substance abuse or provide resources to assist families in accessing such services, or to support the Communities That Care model. Staff and JJDPC recommended approval of these grant applications. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Snyder seconded the motion.*

- Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc., “CTC Community Mobilizer Support” – 2013-SE-01-25072 (\$59,720)
- Partners in Family and Community Development, “CTC Community Mobilizer Support” – 2013-SE-01-25047 (\$59,080)
- Just Community, Inc., “Palisades CTC Community Mobilizer Support” – 2013-SE-01-25147 (\$60,000)

- Tioga County Partnership for Community Health, “Tioga County CTC Mobilizing for Action” – 2013-SE-01-25129 (\$50,839)
- Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc., “New Communities That Care (CTC) Site” – 2013-SE-01-25195 (\$122,501)
- United Methodist Home for Children, Residential Care, Inc., “Strengthening Families Program (SFP 10-14)” – 2013-SE-01-25065 (\$96,909)
- Centre County Youth Service Bureau, “Strengthening Families Program 10-14” – 2013-SE-01-25127 (\$102,636)
- Council on Chemical Abuse, “LifeSkills for Reading Middle Schools Program” – 2013-SE-01-25116 (\$104,212)
- Connect, Inc., “Positive Action Expansion Project” – 2013-SE-01-25090 (\$149,585)
- The Guidance Center, “Big Brother Big Sisters Program in Jefferson County” - 2013-SE-01-25144 (\$150,000)
- Valley Youth House Committee, Inc., “Project SUCCESS Continuation in Northampton Area High School” – 2013-SE-01-25133 (\$144,518)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

The Victims’ Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Dierkers said that in the first VSAC action item the Commission was requested to take action on the applications from individual programs covering 65 counties that applied for Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) funding for the 2014/2015 VOJO funding cycle not to exceed \$1,795,550. A chart of the VOJO applications is appended to the minutes. (Attachment C) Awards will be contingent upon availability of funds approved in the 2014/2015 state fiscal year budget. Staff and VSAC recommended the approval of the applications. *Commissioner Dierkers made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Kane, Marion, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Dobias, Heckler, Marsico, Rieland

Next, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of an application from the Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission for up to \$99,697 in 2014 state SAEDR funding. Staff and VSAC recommended the approval of this application. *Commissioner Dierkers made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Zottola seconded the motion.*

- Fayette County Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc., “Fayette County Victim Impact Panel Project” – 25010 (\$99,697)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

In the final VSAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of an application from the Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) requesting \$115,000 in federal JAG funds to continue the Statewide Crisis Response Initiative. Staff and VSAC recommended the approval of this application. *Commissioner Dierkers made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Storm seconded the motion.*

- Network of Victim Assistance, “Statewide Crisis Response Project” – 25363 (\$115,000)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Heckler

Commissioner Dierkers highlighted the Local Policy Board (LPB) changes that were recommended and unanimously adopted at the last VSAC meeting. These changes should improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the LPBs. Local control and decision-making will be retained. Effective July 1, 2014, Rights and Services Act (RASA) and VOJO funding decisions will be made by the District Attorney in consultation with the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. The LPBs will be renamed VOCA Funding Committees (VFCs) and will meet and make decisions on VOCA funding as necessary. Commissioner Rieland asked if the Boards are generally in favor of these changes. Commissioner Dierkers responded

that the changes are consistent with data received in surveys and decision data from LPBs. Commissioner Storm added that it will reduce the administrative burden to the counties. Commissioner Rieland asked how the consultation between the DA and the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer will be verified. Lynn Shiner said the money will run through a funding formula for distribution and both individuals will have to sign a form showing the distribution.

The next item on the agenda was the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) Report. Commissioner Heckler said the Committee has met and the meeting focused on orientating members to the structure of PCCD and the functions of CACAC. Developments in the Legislature and establishment of funding for Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) were also discussed. The majority of the meeting was dedicated to the presentation and discussion of the report by the Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice and Research at the University of Pennsylvania titled, “Child Advocacy Center Statewide Plan.”

The Commission was requested to take action on the approval of awarding \$416,381.49 in state funds to the Pennsylvania Chapter of CACs and Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams. Upon receiving direction from CACAC these funds will be used to fund activities in support of the implementation and ongoing operation of CACs. These funds are pursuant to House Bill 89 which legislatively mandated that all funds remaining in the now-discontinued Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program fund be used to support CACs throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Staff and CACAC recommended the approval of this request. *Commissioner Heckler made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Rieland seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania Chapter of Children’s Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams, “Child Advocacy Center Implementation and Operation” (\$416,381.49)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Bergstrom, Caltagirone, Darr, Dierkers, Dobias, Heckler, Kane, Marion, Marsico, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Snyder, Storm, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

Chairman Zimmer asked if there was any Other Business. None was offered.

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

The next Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at the PCCD Offices.

*Commissioner Storm made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Zottola. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:43 a.m.*