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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
PCCD BUILDING
3101 NORTH FRONT STREET
HARRISBURG, PA
September 11, 2012

Before:  Mark R Zimmer, Chairman
Honorable Tony Amadio, Commissioner
James E. Anderson, Commissioner
Honorable Thomas R. Caltagirone, Commissioner
Philip Damiani, Commissioner
Thomas Darr, for Honorable Zygmont Pines,
Commissioner
John P. Delaney, Jr., Esq., Commissioner
Peg Dierkers, Commissioner
Carolyn C. Dumaresq, for Honorable Ronald Tomalis,
Commissioner
Jack Godlesky, Commissioner
Honorable Kate Harper, Commissioner
Honorable Linda L. Kelly, Commissioner
Chief Thomas R. King, Commissioner
Sheriff Bob Kolar, Commissioner
Carol L. Lavery, Commissioner
Honorable Edward M. Marsico, Jr., Commissioner
Marlene L. Olshan, Commissioner
Michael Potteiger, Commissioner
James Rieland, Commissioner
Therese Louise Rocco, Commissioner
Michael A. Schwartz, Esq., Commissioner
Dr. Ronald E. Sharp, Commissioner
Jennifer R. Storm, Commissioner
Bruce J. Teitelbaum, Esq., Commissioner
Honorable John A. Zottola, Commissioner
Other: Jennifer Schultz, Pennsylvania State University

Staff
Linda Rosenberg, Executive Director
Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration
Michael Pennington, Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Robert Merwine, Director, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements (attended by phone)
Lynn Shiner, Director, Office of Victims’ Services
Lee Ann Labecki, Director, Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development
Mary Taylor, Chief Counsel
Bob Ardner
Tom D’Annunzio
Kelley Hodge
Luanne Melia
Charla Plaines
Jim Strader
Jackie Weaknecht
Danielle Wilbert
Staci Fehr
Holly Koppenhaver
Theresa Ford
Lynn Fidler
Chris Epoca
Dan Oneufer
Natalie Novotny-Goles
Chairman Zimmer called the September 11, 2012 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:04 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance. The first order of business was reviewing the Minutes from the June 12, 2012 Meeting. Commissioner Delaney said the minutes should be corrected because they carried forth the Commission’s prior practice of noting abstentions to particular applications. According to the rules, any Commissioner who abstained from a single application must abstain from the entire vote, and their names should be recorded as Abstentions only and not as Aye votes for all of the other except the one they abstained from. Chairman Zimmer agreed with Commissioner Delaney. A motion to approve the minutes with corrections to the votes as noted by Commissioner Delaney was made by Commissioner Damiani. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Next, the Commission reviewed the Minutes from the July 16, 2012 Meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes, and a motion to approve them as submitted was made by Commissioner Amadio. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

The next item on the agenda was the Chairman’s Report. Chairman Zimmer said that most people were aware of James E. Anderson’s contributions to the juvenile justice system in Pennsylvania, and anyone who worked in the field had learned directly or indirectly from him. Chairman Zimmer noted that Commissioner Anderson was “Mr. Juvenile Justice” in the state of Pennsylvania. Chairman Zimmer announced that Commissioner Anderson was awarded the President’s Award by the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges for his lifetime achievement in an area that was not only his profession, but obviously his calling as well. On behalf of himself and the Commission, Chairman Zimmer extended congratulations to Commissioner Anderson for this well-deserved award.

Chairman Zimmer announced that Jim Strader would retire the following week after 32 years of service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Strader was originally hired by PCCD as a Criminal Justice Planner in 1976. Except for a brief period when he moved to Oklahoma, Mr. Strader worked for PCCD and Pennsylvania from that time until the present. In his current position as Deputy Director of the Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, Mr. Strader has directed the work unit which administers state and federal funds and the development of county programs which address problems related to jail overcrowding and the need for specialized initiatives such as pre-trial diversion, restorative sanctions, intermediate punishments and programs which provide treatment in conjunction with criminal justice supervision. Mr. Strader was instrumental in putting together and working with the Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs) in Pennsylvania. Chairman Zimmer said Mr. Strader would be missed, and felt the timing of his retirement was suspicious as it coincided with hunting season. With great pleasure, Chairman Zimmer presented a plaque to Mr. Strader that expressed appreciation for Jim’s 32 years of dedicated and outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Strader thanked the Commission and the Commonwealth for the honor and privilege of serving them. Mr. Strader said the Commission served a big role in the Commonwealth for the improvement of criminal justice and felt the Commissioners were in a unique position to make changes and do great things.

Chairman Zimmer noted that today’s meeting is being held on the eleventh anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Chairman Zimmer said he was sitting in a Commission meeting on September 11, 2001 when then-Chairman Tom Corbett told the members that the towers had come down. The agenda was rearranged that day so the victims’ advisory folks could present their report and excuse themselves.
from the meeting to get to work because of the crash in western Pennsylvania. At the December 2001 Commission meeting a 9/11 Tribute was shown which Chairman Zimmer asked to be replayed on the eleventh anniversary of the tragedy. Because the Commission was still working to make the Commonwealth and the nation better, additional slides were shown depicting the work and progress which had taken place since the time of the attacks. Chairman Zimmer asked the Commission members to take a moment to reflect.

Next, Lee Ann Labecki and Jennifer Schultz gave a CJAB Digital Dashboard Demonstration. Ms. Labecki said a grant was secured from the Bureau of Justice Statistics to begin work on a twofold Dashboard project. The first Dashboard pulled together information for the county CJABs based on what they reported would be most helpful for them to improve how they did their jobs. The second Dashboard was for the Office Managers at PCCD. Ms. Labecki said that the CJAB portion of the project was completed, and final fixes were being made on the Directors’ project which would be demonstrated at a later date. The project was delivered on time and under budget and Ms. Labecki was sure the Commission would be pleased with the final product. Focus groups were used for both projects to provide feedback and PCCD worked closely with the agencies that provided the data. Ms. Labecki introduced Ms. Shultz who is the Data Service Manager at the Penn State Data Center. Ms. Labecki noted that the Penn State Data Center had been a great collaborator on the project and did a tremendous job of pulling the system together. Ms. Labecki and Ms. Shultz walked the Commission through the CJAB Dashboard, giving the members an idea of the content, what a Dashboard was all about, the features of a Dashboard and how Dashboards could help improve data-driven decision making. Initially, the system was set up for monthly data-refreshes, but once the project was up and running they hoped to increase to weekly updates for systems with the capability. Ms. Schultz discussed the design of the system and Ms. Labecki discussed the utility of the data and its intended use. Ms. Labecki pointed out that the CJAB Dashboard was designed to flow with the offender through the criminal justice system, showing information on law enforcement, courts, sentencing, county jails, probation and parole and victim information. Ms. Labecki said six counties were currently active, and second year funding would allow the project to be rolled out to all counties at the beginning of 2013. Counties were interested in this data to give them an idea of what was going on in their counties, not only in terms of arrests, but also on the offense side. Commissioner Delaney asked if the Dashboard was available to the public. Ms. Labecki responded that currently it was only available to the CJABs, but could possibly be made available to the public at some later time as most of the information was public information. The Dashboard for the PCCD Office Directors would not be made public. When discussing the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP) data, Ms. Labecki noted that the information had been gathered by Fred Klunk through ad hoc reports from individual counties. Once the Dashboard was rolled out statewide, the Research Unit at PBPP would no longer have to do those reports. Ms. Labecki said that with the current reentry emphasis, some of the information would be invaluable to the counties allowing them to know who was hitting the system and in what timeframe so they could better prepare for them. Ms. Labecki said an effort had been made to build in features that made the Dashboards more user-friendly. Ms. Labecki showed a dashboard from the Victims Services area to illustrate how powerful graphing and mapping could be. From a planning standpoint, this would allow Lynn Shiner to see the distribution of services and clients statewide, but could also help her to pick up on reporting errors where counties were showing more provision of services than she knew they were providing. The power of Dashboards has the ability to see patterns through graphics that were indiscernible on Excel spreadsheets. In terms of next
steps, Ms. Labecki said that second year funding was secured to expand the CJAB Dashboards statewide with some enhancements and additional data. Ms. Labecki said they were very pleased with the progress of the project so far. Ms. Labecki told the Commission the project was written up in the spring newsletter of the National Association for Justice Information Systems, which could be found on page 118 of the meeting packet. Commissioner Delaney asked if the Commissioners could see the CJAB Dashboard online. Ms. Labecki said the link would be sent out to all Commission members. Commissioner Olshan offered kudos to the team that worked on the project because it was very impressive. Ms. Labecki thanked all the agencies that provided data for the Dashboard project and noted that Penn State had been a fantastic partner. Commissioner Harper asked how difficult it was to update the data in the system. Ms. Schwartz responded that the system was built with automation behind it so updates occurred without any manual input. This would be critically important once the system went to weekly updates. Ms. Labecki said she spoke to the Victims Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) a few weeks prior to the Commission meeting, and was asked at that time if counties would be required to use data from the Dashboard System for their grants. Ms. Labecki thought that would probably be a next step. Ms. Labecki added that Penn State would be putting up a pop-up survey within the next few weeks to get direct feedback on the Dashboards.

The next item was the Executive Director’s Report. Ms. Rosenberg updated the Commission on the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS), which PCCD sponsored and conducted every two years on school students in various grades to learn about behaviors, attitudes and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and violence. The data collected provided school administrators, state agency directors, community leaders and others with critical information concerning the changes in patterns of use and abuse of various substances and behaviors to be used for planning purposes. This information allows community leaders and state planners to direct prevention resources to the areas where they would likely have the greatest impact.

Next, Ms. Rosenberg discussed PCCD’s involvement in the Adam Walsh Act. The Adam Walsh Protection Act was signed into law in July 2006, on the 25th anniversary of the abduction of six year old Adam Walsh from a Florida mall. It was later discovered that Adam had been murdered, but the perpetrator was never charged due to lost evidence. The federal law named in Adam’s honor was passed in response to several egregious cases where children were abducted, sexually assaulted and murdered by sexual predators previously convicted of serious sexual violent offenses but were not required by state law to register or provide notifications to the community. The Adam Walsh Act created a baseline standard for jurisdictions to implement regarding sex offender registration and notification, expanded on the number of sex offenses that must be captured, created the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART), established a sex offender management assistance program, amended the registration requirement for jurisdictions to register internet identifiers, added a wealth of information required by the states to be placed in the jurisdictions’ sex offender registration, required a public sex offender registration website to satisfy the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) implementation and increased the information required to be included on that site. PCCD helped fund the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) to enhance their public website. The Adam Walsh Act also required the states to implement certain SORNA requirements within three years. If states did not comply, a 10% penalty was applied to the state JAG application. In July 2011, the SMART Office determined that Pennsylvania was not substantially
compliant, so the 10% penalty was assessed. A lot of work was done at the national level with the SMART Office to allow the states to request a reallocation of those funds to assist with implementation. In December 2011, Pennsylvania passed a law amending Megan’s Law and bringing Pennsylvania into substantial compliance with the Adam Walsh Act. In July 2012 that law was amended to include the lifetime registration requirement for juveniles and the retroactivity to active probationers and prisoners. The new registration and verification requirements will be effective on December 20, 2012. At that time, the counties will be responsible for registration and verification of sex offenders. PCCD assisted 30 to 40 counties to purchase the additional hardware and software they needed to come into compliance.

Ms. Rosenberg updated the Commission members on upcoming events and funding announcements scheduled for release during the next quarter. Anyone interested in attending any of the events was asked to contact Ms. Rosenberg for further information.

- The Deputy Sheriffs Education and Training Board meeting is scheduled for September 18.
- The Constables Education Training Board meeting is scheduled for November 15.
- PCCD, DOC and PBPP will host the Southwestern Regional Reentry Conference at Pitt Law School on September 28 and the Southeastern Regional Reentry Conference which will be held at Widener on October 16.
- The Housing Symposium at the Harrisburg Hilton is scheduled for December 3-5.
- The 32nd Annual Pennsylvania Conference on Juvenile Justice will be held November 7-9.
- The quarterly meeting of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDPC) will be held on November 15 and will include a presentation of all their evidence-based prevention and intervention support.

Several funding announcements are scheduled for release in the upcoming quarter, including:

- Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JSES) planning and implementation grants;
- State Substance Abuse, Education, and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF) competitive funding;
- Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funding; and
- The funding Ms. Rosenberg previously mentioned that will help counties with registration and verification of sex offenders under the Adam Walsh Act.

Ms. Rosenberg said PCCD had several meetings with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) and Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) to discuss how to increase outreach to the judiciary on victim issues. Ms. Rosenberg thought it was going very well. Ms. Rosenberg noted it was the beginning of a partnership and she was hopeful they would continue to move forward and increase the quality and quantity of training available to Magisterial District Judges (MDJs) as well as trial court judges.

The next item Ms. Rosenberg mentioned is a project that PCCD, PSP, JNET and PBPP all worked on, the Multi-State Information Sharing Effort. The state of Maryland spearheaded this initiative which allowed for the sharing of arrest information and other information with Pennsylvania’s bordering states. This project would incur no additional costs, as the technology was already in place. Ms. Rosenberg said this was the first bit of information sharing, but the project was exciting because there were many additional areas that could be shared going forward. The group had a meeting scheduled for the following week in Philadelphia.
Ms. Rosenberg introduced Kelley Hodge, the Safe School Advocate. Ms. Rosenberg said Ms. Hodge had received rave reviews and was actively involved with the Philadelphia school district. Ms. Hodge said her office was trying to set a positive foundation for the relationship with the school district. Ms. Hodge worked closely with the Office of Student Discipline, which handled disciplinary hearings internally within the district, and also maintained a connection with the Serious Incident Management Database. Ms. Hodge has sent out letters through the Office of Student Discipline to notify people of hearings and make them aware that she could advocate for them in those hearing if requested. Ms. Hodge reached out to many organizations within the community, as well as legislative and policy organizations and persons with a connection with juvenile justice, education or crime and violence. A website was set up for the Office and went live in June. The Office was trying to enhance and build upon previous efforts using every avenue possible, and was considering Twitter and Facebook as ways to make connections going forward. Considering a mid-year start, Ms. Hodge was very happy with the relationships her Office had with many offices in the school district. Going forward, Ms. Hodge hopes to enhance the prevention piece in addition to the advocacy work. Commissioner Olshan came in to speak with district officials about Big Brothers Big Sisters and enhance that relationship. Good Shepherd Mediation was also invited to meet with the district, which yielded the immediate response of piloted services in several schools to handle situations outside of courts and the juvenile system for lower level offenses or children under the age of ten. Ms. Hodge shared copies of the brochures that were in all the schools and sent to victims of reported incidents. Posters were also provided to all schools. To date, Ms. Hodge had received very good feedback from parents, guardians and teachers who were sometimes unsure of what she was able to provide. In August, the district had a two-week convocation, three days of which were carved out for a school safety summit. The subject of safety had been prevalent and the district had clearly made a commitment to the area as it was vital to all other areas of learning. Ms. Hodge provided some training materials which addressed the issue of culture to principals and assistant principals. Ms. Hodge also provided another book on bullying to help teachers, parents and students. In the upcoming year, Ms. Hodge hoped to build on the work she had already done, enhance the visibility of her Office, ensure that people took advantage of the provided services and develop a unique case management system to help maintain more accurate data for the Office. Commissioner Dumasq thanked Ms. Hodge for being such a great resource to the teams going into Philadelphia identifying persistently dangerous schools. Commissioner Delaney said Ms. Hodge had undersold herself, and that she had done a masterful job over the past year in the face of massive budget cuts and no acting superintendent. Commissioner Olshan agreed, noting that Ms. Hodge was a breath of fresh air and in ten years of working with the Philadelphia School District, she had never worked with anyone with Ms. Hodge’s level of confidence and commitment.

Before beginning the Committee Reports, Chairman Zimmer noted that going forward, no oral reports will be included on the agenda. Written reports for the Advisory Committees will be included in the meeting packets and posted on line.

The next item on the agenda was the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDPC) Report. The JJDPC Report begins on page four of the meeting packet. One informational update and two action items are before the Commission. Commissioner Sharp directed the Commission’s attention to the Statement of Purpose for the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) which could be found on page four of the meeting materials and was endorsed by the Commission in December 2011.
We dedicate ourselves to working in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by:

- Employing evidence-based practices, with fidelity, at every stage of the juvenile justice process;
- Collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and with this knowledge,
- Striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services and programs.

The two action items could be found on page six of the meeting packet. The applications before the Commission were focused on JJSES.

Staff and JJDPC recommended approval of 24 initial applications and one augmentation requesting a combined total of $918,139 in federal JAG and JJDP funds. Commissioner Sharp made a motion to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Rieland seconded the motion.

- Adams County Commissioners, “JJSES Motivational Interviewing” – 2010-JG-06-23531 ($17,000)
- Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer, “Allegheny JJSES” – 2010-JG-06-23505 ($50,000)
- Berks County Commissioners, “JJSES Planning and Implementation Grant” – 2010-JG-06-23509 ($48,125)
- Blair County Commissioners, “Blair County Juvenile Justice System Enhancement” – 2010-JG-06-23502 ($50,000)
- Bucks County Commissioners, “Bucks County Juvenile Probation JJSES Project” – 2010-JG-06-23521 ($44,831)
- Butler County Commissioners, “Motivational Interviewing and Evidence-Based Practices” – 2010-JG-06-23510 ($32,705)
- Cambria County Commissioners, “Cambria County JJSES Project” - 2010-JG-06-23515 ($49,700)
- Carbon County Commissioners, “JJSES Implementation” - 2010-JG-06-23490 ($4,400)
- Columbia County Commissioners, “Columbia County JJSES Implementation” - 2010-JG-06-23498 ($15,897)
- Crawford County Commissioners, “Motivational Interviewing in Crawford and Mercer” – 2010-JG-06-23461 ($30,538)
- Cumberland County Commissioners, “Cumberland County Juvenile Justice REAPP Project” – 2010-JG-06-23528 ($45,000)
- Dauphin County Commissioners, “Dauphin County Juvenile Justice System Enhancement” – 2010-JG-06-23470 ($48,870)
- Delaware County Commissioners, “JJSES Juvenile Court/Probation Implementation and Training” - 2010-JG-06-23493 ($28,730)
- Forest County Commissioners, “Forest/Warren/Venango/McKean Counties MI Grant” – 2010-JG-06-23478 ($42,845)
- Franklin County Commissioners, “Enhancing Juvenile Justice in Franklin County” – 2010-JG-06-23539 ($49,983)
Fulton County Commissioners, “Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy” - 2010-JG-06-23535 ($50,000)
Lancaster County Commissioners, “JJSES Planning and Implementation” - 2010-JG-06-23504 ($41,362)
Lawrence County Commissioners, “Lawrence County JJSES” - 2010-JG-06-23518 ($43,425)
Lehigh County Chief Executive Officer, “JJSES / Evidence-Based Practices” - 2010-JG-06-23540 ($29,021)
Lycoming County Commissioners, “JJSES Planning and Implementation (MI)” - 2010-JG-06-23496 ($18,420)
Northumberland County Commissioners, “Northumberland County JJSES” - 2010-JG-06-23475 ($11,415)
Philadelphia City Treasurer, “JJSES Implementation” - 2010-JG-06-23544 ($22,000)
Westmoreland County Commissioners, “JJSES: Planning and Implementation” - 2010-JG-06-23517 ($27,848)
York County Commissioners, “JJSES 2012” - 2010-JG-06-23503 ($49,974)

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


Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Damiani (Delaware County - #23493)
Chairman Zimmer

In the second action item, staff and JJDPC recommended approval of three applications requesting a combined total of $298,649 in state Violence Prevention Programs (VPP) funds. Commissioner Sharp made a motion to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Olshan seconded the motion.

The Guidance Center, “McKean County Aggression Replacement Training” – 2012-VP-ST-23379 ($155,415)
Kids First Blair County, “2012 Targeted Evidence-Based Program Grant” – 2012-VP-ST-23249 ($43,520)
With no discussion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:


Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

Next on the agenda was the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) Report. Commissioner Zottola said that the Report could be found beginning on page 64 of the meeting packet and contained only one action item. Commissioner Zottola noted that the Committee continued to work with Specialized Police Training in the form of Mental Health First Aid training as well as housing issues. At their November meeting, the Committee planned to expand its strategies.

The Commission was requested to take action on one initial application totaling $156,500 in JAG funds. The application was recommended for approval by staff and MHJAC. Commissioner Zottola made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.

- Venango County Commissioners, “Expanded Mental Health Forensic Supported Housing” – 2010-JG-04-23054 ($156,500)

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


Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Report was next. Commissioner Damiani began by thanking Commissioner Zottola for his leadership on the Criminal Justice/Mental Health Collaboration webinar. It was a very interesting presentation and Commissioner Zottola did a tremendous job. The CJAC Report began on page 69 of the meeting packet, and contained three informational updates and seven action items.
In the first action item, the Commission was requested to take action on one initial application totaling $36,771 in JAG funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Zottola seconded the motion.

- Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer, “Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Training” – 2010-JG-07-22963 ($36,771)

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


Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

In the second action item, the Commission was requested to take action on six initial applications totaling $160,978 in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) JAG funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Amadio seconded the motion.

- Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department, “Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department” – 2009-AJ-01-22889 ($50,000)
- Charleroi Regional Police Department, “Charleroi Regional Police Grant” – 2009-AJ-01-23513 ($50,000)
- Mifflin County Commissioners, “Mifflin County Offender Re-Entry Planning Grant” – 2009-AJ-04-23543 ($13,673)
- McKean County Commissioners, “McKean County Offender Re-Entry Planning Project” – 2009-AJ-04-23497 ($10,991)
- Philadelphia City Treasurer, “Philadelphia County Reentry Strategic Plan” – 2009-AJ-04-23547 ($20,000)

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

In the third action item, the Commission was requested to take action on two initial applications totaling $178,000 in federal Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Kolar seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania State Police, “Ballistics Microscope Upgrade” – 2012-FS-01-23597 ($100,000)
- Berks County Commissioner, “Berks County Forensic Services Efficiency Project” – 2012-FS-01-23538 ($78,000)

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

**Voting Aye:** Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dumaresq, Godlesky, Harper, Kelly, King, Kolar, Lavery, Marsico, Olshan, Potteiger, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Teitelbaum, Zottola

**Voting Nay:** None

**Abstaining:** Chairman Zimmer

In the fourth action item, the Commission was requested to take action on one initial application totaling $250,839 in federal Residential and Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner King seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, “Wernersville CAC Continuation” – 2011-SA-01-23566 ($250,839)

Commissioner Rieland asked for a description of the funding as well as its source. Mr. Strader responded that RSAT funding had been in place through the Bureau of Justice Assistance since 1996 to provide drug and alcohol treatment services to state offenders. It also provided a very small carve out for local units of government.

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

**Voting Aye:** Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dumaresq, Godlesky, Harper, Kelly, King, Kolar, Lavery,
Marsico, Olshan, Rieland, Rocco, Schwartz, Sharp, Storm, Teitelbaum, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Potteiger (PA Department of Corrections - #23566)
Chairman Zimmer

In the fifth action item, the Commission was requested to take action on four initial applications totaling $512,403 in state Substance Abuse and Demand Reduction funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.

- Family Service and Children’s Aid Society of Venango County, “Substance Abuse Project” – 2010-SE-03-23609 ($62,403)
- Onala Recovery Center, “Onala Peer Recovery Support Services Project” – 2010-SE-03-23680 ($150,000)
- Personal Solutions, Inc., “Motivational Incentive Treatment” – 2010-SE-03-23561 ($150,000)
- YWCA of Greater Harrisburg, “Celebrating Families” – 2010-SE-03-23669 ($150,000)

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


Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Marsico (YWCA - #23669)
Chairman Zimmer

In the sixth action item, the Commission was requested to delegate authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with approval of the PCCD Chair and the CJAC Chair, the redistribution of any leftover Intermediate Punishment funds dedicated to Intermediate Punishment programs, prior to the expiration of the state fiscal year (June 30, 2013) and augment any existing project or fund new counties who demonstrate a need so that the leftover money does not lapse at the end of the state fiscal year. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the delegation of authority. Commissioner Sharp seconded the motion. With no discussion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioner Amadio, Anderson, Caltagirone, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Dumaresq, Godlesky, Harper, Kelly, King, Kolar, Lavery,
As the seventh action item, Commissioner Damiani told the Commission that while preparing materials for the meeting, staff noticed that there was an incorrect total presented as part of the County Intermediate Punishment (CIP) funds action item at the June 12, 2012 Commission meeting. The action item incorrectly listed the total amount of CIP applications as $3,135,942. The correct total of the 45 applications contained in the Appendix D, Project Summaries, was $3,270,942. The project descriptions preceding the list of applications in Appendix D contained the correct amount of $3,270,942; however, ultimately the amount voted on was the incorrect total. Therefore, the Commission was requested to take action on amending the total approved CIP funds of $3,135,942 to $3,270,942 for the 45 CIP applications presented at the June 12, 2012 Commission meeting. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. Commissioner Damiani made a motion to amend the CIP funds total. Commissioner King seconded the motion. With no discussion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:


Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

The next item on the agenda was the Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) Report. Commissioner Delaney said it was his privilege to report on the work done by VSAC and the staff of the Office of Victims’ Services. The VSAC Report begins on page 102 of the meeting packet. Commissioner Delaney highlighted two of the informational items in the report, the Data Collection, Reporting and Outcomes Project (DCROP) and the Statewide Organizational Capacity Building Project, both of which were funds made available to victims’ services agencies to improve their ability and capacity to serve victims. DCROP gave them the necessary tools to manage their client data and to streamline their reporting to various funding sources. The Capacity Building Project was designed to allow agencies to build their inner strength so they could continue to succeed as organizations. Commissioner Delaney also directed the Commissioners’ attention to the Pennsylvania’s Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (PA SAVIN) System, which was now active at all the Commonwealth’s county jails with over 56,000 registered users. VSAC has one action item.

Staff and VSAC recommend approval of one application requesting up to $372,294 in federal Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) funds. If approved PCAR would move the funds along to the 50 Rape
Crisis Centers across the Commonwealth according to their funding formula. Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion.

- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, “SASP” – 2012-SV-01-23708 ($372,294)

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


Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

The next item on the agenda was the Research, Evaluation and Data Analysis Advisory Committee (REDAAC) Report. Commissioner Anderson said at the last REDAAC meeting, the Committee reviewed the applications that came in from the 2012 REDAAC solicitation. The Committee also reviewed its next solicitation, which would be for $600,000 in federal ARRA JAG funds to be awarded to support comprehensive research and evaluation projects on a competitive basis. Each award would be for no more than $200,000 and would have a 12-month timeframe for completion. Targeted areas for projects would include a Victims’ Needs Assessment, Batterers Research and an open category. There was one action item.

The Commission was requested to take action on two initial applications totaling $379,676 in 2012 Single Solicitation Research and Evaluation JAG funds. REDAAC and staff recommended approval of the applications. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the grant applications. Commissioner Dumaresq seconded the motion.

- Pennsylvania State University, “JRI-Preventable Youth Precursors of Adult Crime” – 2010-JG-06-23660 ($179,830)
- Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri at Kansas City, “Risk Assessment for Bail and Pre-Trial Decisions” – 2010-JG-06-23698 ($199,846)

Commissioner Delaney asked about the connection with JJDPC in terms of the first application and what type of data it would produce. Commissioner Anderson said it was connected not only to JJDPC, but also to the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). As many factors as could be identified with the current Department of Corrections population would be studied because of the involvement with Penn State and the EPISCenter, which was also supported by PCCD. Going forward, it would help to focus prevention dollars as well as juvenile JRI work for the youth involved with the system. The hope was to look at risk factors in the individual communities that most needed intervention. REDAAC was very excited about
this opportunity. Commissioner Schwartz asked how the University of Missouri got involved in the second application and not an in-state university. Commissioner Anderson said it was a very strong proposal and UM had a strong history in this area. Ms. Labecki said that UM was a national leader that did work for the Department of Justice and the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Ms. Labecki said that ultimately the decision came down to which application had the best research model. Commissioner Delaney asked if the counties had already been selected for the project. Ms. Labecki said they had not yet been selected, but it had been discussed at the last meeting. REDAAC would likely put together a committee to work with the grantee to determine the counties. Commissioner Delaney said that if he were not out of order, he would like to urge consideration of Philadelphia County due to the high failure to appear rate. Chairman Zimmer did not think Commissioner Delaney was out of order at all, and thought that after hearing some of the information presented at the JRI meetings earlier in the year it was very important to consider Philadelphia.

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


Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

Chairman Zimmer asked if there was any Other Business and there was none.

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.

Commissioner Dumaresq made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Storm. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:49 a.m.