

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
PCCD BUILDING
3101 NORTH FRONT STREET
HARRISBURG, PA
September 14, 2016

Before: Josh Shapiro, Esq., Chairman
James E. Anderson, Commissioner
Tomas Aguilar, for Honorable Karen Murphy,
Commissioner
Mark H. Bergstrom, Commissioner
Colonel Tyree C. Blocker, Commissioner
Honorable Mary Jane Bowes, Commissioner (via
conference call)
Philip Damiani, Commissioner
John P. Delaney, Jr., Esq., Commissioner
Honorable Leo Dunn, Commissioner
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner
Curtis Jones, Jr., Commissioner
Chief Thomas R. King, Commissioner
Jeffrey M. Kolansky, Esq., Commissioner (via
conference call)
Sheriff Bob Kolar, Commissioner
Carol L. Lavery, Commissioner
Dennis R. Marion on behalf of Honorable Ted Dallas,
Commissioner
Honorable Edward M. Marsico, Jr. Commissioner
Honorable Matthew B. McConnell, Commissioner (via
conference call)
Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Jr., Commissioner (via
conference call)
Dr. Edward P. Mulvey, Commissioner (via conference
call)
Mary Onama, Commissioner
James J. Rieland, Commissioner
Delilah Rumburg, Commissioner
Sean R. Ryan, Commissioner
Richard D. Steele, Commissioner
Honorable Jennifer R. Storm, Commissioner
James E. Turner, Commissioner
Honorable Mike Vereb, Commissioner
Honorable Randy Vulakovich, Commissioner (via
conference call)
Honorable William F. Ward, Commissioner
Michele Minor Wolf, Commissioner
Amy Zapp for Honorable Bruce Beemer, Commissioner
Honorable John A. Zottola, Commissioner

Guests

Mike Kozup, on behalf of David Volkman

Staff

Derin Myers, Acting Executive Director

Kathy Buckley, Acting Director, Office of Victims' Services

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

Robert Merwine, Director, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements

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

Debra Sandifer, Chief Counsel

Jeffrey Blystone

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Chris Epoca

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Holly Koppenhaver

Matthew Leonard

Luanne Melia

Natalie Novotny-Goles

Robert Orth

Daisy Pagan

Maddy Roman Scott

Tiana Smith

Jackie Weaknecht

Chairman Shapiro called the September 14, 2016 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum of members was present. The first order of business was to review the Minutes from the June 8, 2016 Meeting. *There was no public comment on the minutes. Commissioner Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2016 PCCD meeting as submitted. Commissioner Damiani seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

The next item on the agenda was the Chairman's Report. Chairman Shapiro introduced a new Commission member, Rick Steele, who is the new Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC). Chairman Shapiro noted that although Commissioner Heckler has retired as the District Attorney of Bucks County, he will remain with PCCD in his roles as Commissioner and Chairman of the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Advisory Committee (CACAC).

Next, Chairman Shapiro discussed the situation in Adams County where numerous local residents were defrauded by the owner of a cemetery. The owner should have had \$1.5 million in escrow for prepaid funeral arrangements, but instead had less than \$40,000. In August, the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) deployed a team to Adams County to review claim requests, and in some cases, provide immediate reimbursement. Three-hundred and one claims were reviewed, 245 claims were approved, and \$493,955.05 was paid to victims. Chairman Shapiro thanked Kathy Buckley, Jeff Blystone, and the Office of Victims' Services (OVS) for their quick and creative action to support victims in this community.

Chairman Shapiro stated that the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) continues to make significant progress and the next meeting is scheduled for this afternoon. The group will receive a presentation on recidivism reduction, historical sentencing options and their outcomes, and system challenges and corresponding potential policy options. The final JRI meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2016, at which time the group will formally come together around policy recommendations for the legislature and the Governor. The goal is to complete this work by the end of the calendar year so a package of recommendations can be presented to the General Assembly at the beginning of their two-year term. All the information from the JRI process is available on the PCCD website.

Finally, Chairman Shapiro said the Law Enforcement Executive Policy Board, which is made up of law enforcement leaders from across the Commonwealth, is working to tackle some of the issues that are unique to law enforcement. One such issue is the use of body-worn cameras. The legislature has spent a great deal of time on this issue, and the Board is considering policy implications. During a conference call, the previous week, the Board agreed to speak with one voice in a letter outlining specific policy proposals and ideas to be presented to the legislative leaders upon their return to session on Monday. That letter will be shared with any Commission member that is interested in seeing it once it is drafted and approved by the members of the Board. Commissioner Lavery asked if there has been an opportunity for the Policy Board to consult with victims' services yet. Commissioner Rumburg added that the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) has research that could be helpful. Chairman Shapiro said including the voice of victims' service would be terrific.

Next on the agenda was the Executive Director's Report. Derin Myers began his report by noting that PCCD has had issues filling its entry-level planner staff positions, but progress has been made over the last several weeks in filling those positions and in identifying the underlying issues with the civil service postings. As the Commission is aware, there was a significant increase in the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) federal award. As funds have been awarded, the complement has been increased accordingly. There is an increased level of accountability in regards to those funds, and PCCD wants to be positioned to meet the new standards and to provide assistance to those who administer the dollars. Mr. Myers noted that this week the federal VOCA program staff person is on site to do monitoring of all the VOCA

awards. Mr. Myers also anticipates a visit from the audit team of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of the Inspector General.

Mr. Myers said PCCD is in the process of developing the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget, and there have been productive conversations in two areas. The first area involves coordination with PCCD's state partners on Pennsylvania's delinquency prevention efforts. Delinquency prevention programs funded across state agencies will be identified and a statewide delinquency prevention approach to spending is being considered. Several years ago the state appropriation for these efforts was \$16 million and now it is in the neighborhood of \$3.5 to \$4 million. The second area is about efficiencies in the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) system. There has been an indication that the vendor who supplies those services to the country is making a dramatic system change, which could cost the Commonwealth and other states a significant amount of money. Pennsylvania wants to be prepared for a scenario that significantly increases the cost of the system.

Mr. Myers said that a portion of the JRI savings in the 2015-2016 budget is earmarked to support innovative policing programs and county probation programs. It is our intention to release funding to support police departments implementing body cameras if needed issues are resolved. A county probation funding announcement will be released toward the end of the month in support of adult probation strategic planning.

Mr. Myers said analysis of the expenditures and revenue of the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Training Fund has been completed. A sustained increase in the overall cost of operating the program was identified which is not matched by a sustained increase in the revenue to the fund. PCCD is working with its partners to increase the fees that support this training program. The fee has not been increased since 1999.

Mr. Myers said the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding announcement has closed with 60 applications received requesting \$6.3 million. The applications will be vetted through the Advisory Committees and presented to the Commission for consideration at the December meeting. With \$5.4 million available, a good portion of the projects should be funded following the review.

Finally, Mr. Myers mentioned that PCCD participated in the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) Conference in late July. Luanne Melia and Kirsten Kenyon played a large role in planning the event, and several staff members presented regarding the good work being done by PCCD. Chairman Shapiro participated in the opening plenary, along with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney, Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams, and Corrections Secretary John Wetzel.

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Vereb shared highlights from the August 10, 2016 Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) meeting. Deputy Secretary Dennis Marion gave an update on the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Centers of Excellence that will be comprised of extended care teams to address the opioid crisis. Twenty sites will receive funding, with the long-term goal of establishing approximately 50 Centers of Excellence throughout the Commonwealth.

PCCD is hosting four regional law enforcement technology forums designed to educate and share information with the law enforcement community. The forums focus on Pillar Three, "Technology and Social Media," and Pillar Five, "Training and Education," two of the pillars from the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report. The first forum was held on September 1, with the remaining three to be held on September 22, October 4, and October 12. Registration is available on PCCD's website, and there are currently over 400 registrants.

Commissioner Vereb noted that staff provided CJAC with an update to the Delegation of Authority that was approved at the June Commission meeting for up to \$300,000 in state funds to establish new problem solving courts. Three applications were awarded grants of \$100,000 each to establish one new Veterans Court and two Drug Treatment Courts.

1. *Commissioner Vereb made a motion for the approval of seven (7) initial applications requesting up to \$1,625,104 in federal Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) funds to support Pennsylvania’s initiative to pilot the pretrial diversion of individuals with drug and alcohol and/or co-occurring disorders from incarceration and into treatment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones.*

- Lebanon County Commissioners, “Pretrial Assessment and Placement” – 2015-PD-01-26868 \$235,990
- York County Commissioners, “York County Pretrial Enhancement Project” – 2015-PD-01-26918 \$236,000
- Lackawanna County Commissioners, “Lackawanna County Pretrial Services Program” – 2015-PD-01-26977 \$228,444
- Delaware County Executive Director, “Delaware County Pretrial Heroin Recovery Program” – 2015-PD-01-27008 \$234,264
- Franklin County Commissioners, “Franklin County Pretrial Drug and Alcohol Diversion” – 2015-PD-01-27065 \$236,000
- Washington County Commissioners, “Pretrial Drug and Alcohol Initiative” – 2015-PD-01-27085 \$223,782
- Mifflin County Commissioners, “Pre-Trial Drug and Alcohol Pilot Project” – 2015-PD-01-27126 \$230,624

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

2. *Commissioner Vereb made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial contract requesting up to \$150,000 in federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) funds to support county jail-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) training and technical assistance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heckler.*

- Jail-Based MAT Training and Technical Assistance \$150,000

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

3. *Commissioner Vereb made a motion for the approval of one (1) augmentation of \$28,133 in Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement funds to the existing Cumberland County Integrated Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) project awarded to the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lavery.*

- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, “Cumberland County Integrated LIMS’ – 2011/2013/2014-JG/JG/FS-06/01 \$28,133

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner King

4. *Commissioner Vereb made a motion for the approval of one (1) augmentation of up to \$571,193 in Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) funds to the existing Master Agreement for the Heroin Overdose Prevention Technical Assistance Center project awarded to the University of Pittsburgh Program Evaluation Research Unit (PERU). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rumburg.*

- University of Pittsburgh-Program Evaluation Research Unit, “Heroin Overdose Prevention Technical Assistance Center (Master Agreement) \$571,193

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Mulvey

5. *Commissioner Vereb made a motion for the approval of a delegation of authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with the approval of the Chairman of PCCD and the Chairman of CJAC, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP), up to \$2,138,000 in JRI state funds to provide the resources for county probation improvement, to support initiatives that are consistent with the County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers Association of Pennsylvania Evidence-Based Practices 2016-2018 Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson.*

Commissioner Delaney asked how the money will be allocated among the counties. Bob Merwine said it will be a competitive process. Mr. Myers explained that the funding announcement will be released shortly, and if we waited to bring the grants before the Commission for approval at the December meeting, counties would only have six months to utilize the funds. Requesting a delegation of authority provides the counties with more time to utilize those resources.

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Dunn

The Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Delaney noted that funds were available to the victims in the Adams County situation as described by Chairman Shapiro because they were assessed and collected from offenders. Commissioner Delaney explained the background of the first action item, and recused himself from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest.

1. *Commissioner Storm made a motion for the approval of ninety-two (92) initial applications requesting up to \$28,838,170 in federal VOCA funds to support the provision of direct services to victims of crime. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. An index listing the applications is attached to the minutes.*

Chairman Shapiro asked why some applications were not recommended for approval. Ms. Buckley said those applications either requested funding for ineligible activities under the current VOCA guidelines, or the applications did not meet the specifications outlined by the funding announcement. OVS is willing and able to speak to any of these applicants to debrief them on their applications.

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Onama, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Delaney, Lavery, McConnell, Michalik, Rieland, Rumburg, Wolf

Commissioner Storm yielded the floor back to Commissioner Delaney.

2. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial application requesting up to \$465,665 in federal VOCA funds to State Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rumburg.*

- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), “MADD Pennsylvania VOCA 2016-2019” – 26706 \$465,665 allocated as follows: \$40,040 (Butler County); \$103,052 (Delaware County); \$117,712 (Montgomery County); and \$204,861 (State Office)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

3. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial application requesting up to \$532,866 in federal Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) funds to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storm.*

- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, “Sexual Assault Services Program” – 2016-SV-01-27215 \$532,866

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Onama, Rumburg

4. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion for the approval of one (1) augmentation requesting up to \$33,300 in federal STOP Violence Against Women funds to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner.*

- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, “STOP 2016-2018” – 26420

\$33,300

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Rumburg

The next item on the agenda was the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) Report. Commissioner Anderson said JJDP met on August 16, 2016 and began to lay the foundation for what will be the 2017 Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Plan to the Governor. Committee members and staff will continue to work together over the next several months to develop that plan.

1. *Commissioner Anderson made a motion for the approval of one (1) initial application requesting up to \$683,107 in Violence Prevention Program (VPP) funds to Pennsylvania State University's Prevention Research Center to subcontract with the competitively selected vendor for the administration of the 2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS). The motion was seconded by Commissioner King.*

- Pennsylvania State University, "2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)" –
2016/17-VP-PS-27266
\$683,107

Commissioner Delaney asked if the survey is currently administered in the school district of Philadelphia. Commissioner Anderson responded that it is not; however, there have been discussions over the past several years and he is cautiously optimistic that someday it will happen. There is another survey that Philadelphia uses that they consider important. Commissioner Aguilar said the Department of Health (DOH) conducts the survey in the Philadelphia schools and they are willing to share that data. There are opportunities for some good synergy between the two surveys. Commissioner Jones thanked the Commission for the work they do and also challenged them to do more, particularly for Philadelphia.

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

The next item on the agenda was the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Report. Commissioner Heckler said CACAC met on August 2, 2016. The Committee approved a funding plan for up to \$2.3 million of the birth certificate funds from Act 28 to support 31 National Children’s Alliance (NCA) member CACs and satellites, eight developing CACs and Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs), and the Pennsylvania Chapter of CACs and MDITs. The Committee heard an update from the Prevention Research Subcommittee, which is beginning to narrow the focus of its efforts on the development of a framework for a comprehensive approach to child sexual abuse prevention. The goal is to release a funding announcement in January 2017 for pilot counties to implement evidence-based, sexual abuse prevention programming targeted at parents, schools, and communities. If the efforts are successful they can serve as a model not only for other counties in Pennsylvania, but nationally as well. The DHS Office of Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) has transferred \$242,607 in federal Children’s Justice Act funds to PCCD in order to develop MDITs in 17 counties whose current MDIT status is unknown. PCCD will transfer these funds to the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI) to award up to \$14,000 per county to support the initiative.

1. *Commissioner Heckler made a motion for the approval of six (6) initial applications requesting up to \$145,626 in state Endowment Act funds to support the training of persons who treat victims of child sexual abuse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones.*

- Allegheny County, “MAYA Organization” – 2015-EA-5B-27221
\$11,646
- Blair County, “Central PA Behavioral Health Collaborative, Inc.” – 2015-EA-5B-27211
\$19,165
- Cambria County, “Cambria County Child Advocacy Center” – 2015-EA-5B-27213
\$49,766
- Crawford County, “Parkside Psychological Associates, LLC” – 2015-EA-5B-27204
\$38,644
- Erie County, “Crime Victims Center of Erie County, Inc.” – 2015-EA-5B-27167
\$20,475
- Lawrence County, “CAC of Lawrence County” – 2015-EA-5B-27202
\$5,930

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro, Commissioner Lavery

Next on the agenda was the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) Report. Commissioner Zottola said the Committee met on August 9, 2016. He noted that: Jessica Penn Shires from the DHS Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) updated the Committee on the statewide forensic services strategy; Maureen McManus gave the Committee an update on the Lehigh Country Pretrial Model, which is in the initial stage; and Paul Turcotte from the Bureau of Autism Services updated the Committee on the Bureau’s statewide training initiative. He noted that the

Bureau is working on short videos to show the correct way for justice practitioners to interact with individuals on the autism spectrum.

The Bureau of Training Services Report was next on the agenda. Mr. Merwine said there are no action items for the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board, however there are two action items for the Constables' Education and Training Board.

1. *Commissioner Vereb made a motion for the approval and implementation of the Constables' Education and Training Board's Firearms Certification Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Damiani.*

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

2. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion for the approval of the Constables' Education and Training Board's Act 49 Constable Training Grievance Process Policy Statement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zottola.*

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Anderson, Aguilar, Bergstrom, Blocker, Bowes, Damiani, Delaney, Dunn, Heckler, Jones, King, Kolansky, Kolar, Lavery, Marion, Marsico, McConnell, Michalik, Mulvey, Onama, Rieland, Rumburg, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Vulakovich, Ward, Wolf, Zapp, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Shapiro

Chairman Shapiro asked if there is any Other Business. Commissioner Damiani noted that the City of Chester now has the designation of having the highest homicide rate as well as the highest rate of unsolved homicides in the country. It is a small city of only 32,000 and is often overlooked because of its size. Commissioner Damiani asked if there is anything that PCCD can do for the city of Chester. Commissioner Turner asked if best practices could be identified across the Commonwealth or across the nation that have been employed by urban communities to bring themselves back. The situation is more about economics and education than just crime for crime's sake. Children in the city of Chester experience trauma on a near-daily basis and are expected to go about their daily lives with no interventions or assistance. Commissioner Dunn said the Washington Post published an article that morning on the initiatives the District has put in place to target the same type of issues. Chairman Shapiro said PCCD would be happy to send Mr. Myers and a team to the city of Chester to sit down and listen to what the mayor and council believe they need and try to match that up with available funds.

Commissioners Damiani and Turner will be kept in the loop as this develops. Commissioner Dunn asked for PBPP to also be included in this effort, and Commissioner Storm asked for victims to be represented as well. Commissioner Vereb said it is paramount for PCCD to work in conjunction with the leadership in Philadelphia, the city of Chester, and other urban areas to find solutions to these issues. Elected officials in these communities can help break down barriers so they can learn about what is working in other parts of the state. Commissioner Aguilar said from a public health perspective there are certain elements known as the social determinants of health: education, income and infrastructure. DOH is trying to tackle those issues from a health promotion perspective, and Commissioner Aguilar would like to be involved in this effort as well. Commissioner Anderson said the kids who experience trauma on a regular basis as described by Commissioner Turner are the kids most at-risk of school failure, delinquency, and ending up in the prison system, and then returning to the community. This is a public health issue, and PCCD has to help empower the community and their community leaders to identify the most critical issues so they can develop the solutions that make sense to them. Chairman Shapiro said the Commission will be updated after the meeting is held.

Chairman Shapiro asked if there was anyone present at the meeting who would like 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, December 14, 2016 at the PCCD Offices.

Commissioner Vereb made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Damiani. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:30 a.m.

APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMPETITIVE 2016-2019 VOCA FUNDING

Grant ID	Applicant Name	County	Funding Recommended
27037	Survivors Inc	Adams	\$157,585.00
26825	Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center	Allegheny	\$178,862.00
	Alle-Kiski Area Hope Center	Westmoreland	\$88,096.00
26865	Center for Victims	Allegheny	\$1,189,940.00
26997	Pittsburgh Action Against Rape	Allegheny	\$720,711.00
27016	Neighborhood Legal Services Association	Allegheny	\$579,643.00
27031	Womens Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh	Allegheny	\$998,526.00
27056	Crisis Center North Inc	Allegheny	\$258,787.00
26891	Helping All Victims In Need Inc	Armstrong	\$75,000.00
26914	Women's Center of Beaver County	Beaver	\$266,652.00
26852	Your "Safe Haven" Inc	Bedford	\$77,650.00
26847	Berks County Women In Crisis	Berks	\$463,166.00
26908	Friends of Farmworkers, Inc.	Berks	\$86,013.00
27070	Community Justice Project	Berks	\$139,521.00
27092	MidPenn Legal Services	Berks	\$260,225.00
26798	The Children's House	Bradford	\$62,658.00
	The Children's House	Sullivan	\$43,032.00
26816	Abuse and Rape Crisis Center	Bradford	\$133,800.00
26949	Network of Victim Assistance	Bucks	\$789,760.00
27062	A Womans Place	Bucks	\$900,000.00
27082	SeniorLAW Center	Bucks	\$273,489.00
	SeniorLAW Center	Montgomery	\$273,489.00
27078	Butler County Alliance for Children	Butler	\$115,047.00
26909	Cambria County Child Advocacy Center, Inc	Cambria	\$74,956.00
27048	Centre County Women's Resource Center Inc.	Centre	\$75,000.00
26887	Domestic Violence Center of Chester County	Chester	\$612,065.00
27076	SeniorLAW Center	Chester	\$273,489.00
	SeniorLAW Center	Delaware	\$273,489.00
26894	Clinton County Women's Center, Inc.	Clinton	\$75,000.00
27002	Geisinger Clinic	Columbia	\$46,618.00
	Geisinger Clinic	Montour	\$31,079.00
27095	Women's Center	Columbia	\$38,853.00
	Women's Center	Montour	\$36,669.00
26881	Women's Services, Inc.	Crawford	\$137,362.00
27046	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	Cumberland	\$51,045.00
	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	Dauphin	\$103,312.00
27049	Young Women's Christian Association of Carlisle PA	Cumberland	\$74,806.00
27084	MidPenn Legal Services	Cumberland	\$178,810.00
27063	YWCA of Greater Harrisburg	Dauphin	\$180,000.00
	YWCA of Greater Harrisburg	Perry	\$75,000.00
26812	Family Support Line of Delaware County, Inc	Delaware	\$180,942.00
26859	Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County Inc	Delaware	\$287,385.00
26993	Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania	Delaware	\$248,327.00
27010	CASA Youth Advocates, Inc.	Delaware	\$214,422.00
27080	Delaware County Executive Director	Delaware	\$157,250.00
26858	Safe Journey	Erie	\$139,578.00
27033	Safenet: Domestic Violence Safety Network Inc	Erie	\$79,467.00
27044	Protection From Abuse Coordinated Services, Inc.	Erie	\$162,089.00
26810	Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA	Fayette	\$97,683.00
	Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA	Greene	\$25,749.00
	Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA	Washington	\$137,886.00

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27035	Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services	Fayette	\$67,200.00
	Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services	Greene	\$33,600.00
	Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services	Washington	\$67,200.00
26805	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	Franklin	\$61,465.00
	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	York	\$60,067.00
27094	MidPenn Legal Services	Franklin	\$184,842.00
	MidPenn Legal Services	Fulton	\$75,000.00
26985	The C.A.R.E. Center, Inc.	Greene	\$29,420.00
	The C.A.R.E. Center, Inc.	Washington	\$59,830.00
27072	Huntingdon House A Program for Victims of Domestic Violence	Huntingdon	\$75,000.00
27050	Alice Paul House	Indiana	\$75,125.00
27054	The Care Center of Indiana County	Indiana	\$74,449.00
26824	Women's Resource Center, Inc.	Lackawanna	\$447,053.00
	Women's Resource Center, Inc.	Susquehanna	\$101,442.00
26929	Community Action Program Of Lancaster County	Lancaster	\$388,254.00
26956	MidPenn Legal Services	Lancaster	\$261,000.00
26968	Young Women's Christian Association of Lancaster	Lancaster	\$422,744.00
26974	Lancaster County Commissioners	Lancaster	\$289,772.00
26998	Center for Community Peacemaking	Lancaster	\$186,103.00
27025	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	Lancaster	\$226,910.00
27053	Children's Advocacy Center of Lawrence County	Lawrence	\$211,243.00
27074	Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County	Lawrence	\$211,243.00
26972	Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Lebanon County	Lebanon	\$174,348.00
27100	MidPenn Legal Services	Lebanon	\$162,662.00
	MidPenn Legal Services	Schuylkill	\$101,616.00
26822	Crime Victims Council of Lehigh Valley, Inc.	Lehigh	\$86,645.00
	Crime Victims Council of Lehigh Valley, Inc.	Northampton	\$81,927.00
26841	North Penn Legal Services, Inc.	Lehigh	\$227,209.00
	North Penn Legal Services, Inc.	Northampton	\$227,209.00
27020	Valley Youth House Committee, Inc	Lehigh	\$438,550.00
	Valley Youth House Committee, Inc	Northampton	\$221,602.00
26808	Domestic Violence Service Center Inc	Luzerne	\$299,630.00
26980	Luzerne County Chief Executive Officer	Luzerne	\$365,405.00
27003	Geisinger Clinic	Lycoming	\$55,229.00
27066	Young Women's Christian Association of Northcentral Pennsylvania	Lycoming	\$75,000.00
26809	AWARE Inc	Mercer	\$203,373.00
26981	Women's Resources of Monroe County, Inc.	Monroe	\$136,637.00
26872	The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth	Montgomery	\$801,898.00
26953	Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania	Montgomery	\$436,742.00
26967	Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County	Montgomery	\$219,902.00
27089	Womens Center of Montgomery County	Montgomery	\$194,511.00
26855	Transitions of PA	Northumberland	\$125,397.00
	Transitions of PA	Snyder	\$75,000.00
	Transitions of PA	Union	\$81,039.00
26976	Geisinger Clinic	Northumberland	\$121,009.00
	Geisinger Clinic	Snyder	\$44,466.00
	Geisinger Clinic	Union	\$44,466.00
26837	SeniorLAW Center	Philadelphia	\$851,730.00
26926	Women Against Abuse Inc	Philadelphia	\$1,119,223.00
26947	Congreso De Latinos Unidos	Philadelphia	\$887,266.00
26960	Philadelphia Children's Alliance	Philadelphia	\$211,479.00

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27036	Center for Advocacy for the Rights & Interests of the Elderly	Philadelphia	\$309,878.00
27039	Lutheran Social Mission DBA Lutheran Settlement House	Philadelphia	\$480,129.00
27043	Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	\$660,192.00
27059	HIAS and Council Migration Services	Philadelphia	\$686,014.00
27075	Nationalities Service Center	Philadelphia	\$801,298.00
27090	Support Center For Child Advocate	Philadelphia	\$563,273.00
26995	A Way Out	Potter	\$75,000.00
26927	Schuylkill Women In Crisis	Schuylkill	\$60,000.00
27069	Family Service Association of NEPA	Susquehanna	\$82,494.25
	Family Service Association of NEPA	Wyoming	\$69,169.75
26899	The Children's House	Tioga	\$27,406.00
26857	Victims' Intervention Program	Wayne	\$106,650.00
27001	Blackburn Center	Westmoreland	\$718,713.00
27030	Turning Point Women's Counseling and Advocacy Center	York	\$229,520.00
27073	York County Children's Advocacy Center	York	\$88,318.00

APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Grant ID	Applicant Name	County	Funding Requested
26879	Amachi Pittsburgh	Allegheny	\$429,504.00
27083	Court Appointed Special Advocates of Allegheny County	Allegheny	\$75,000.00
26850	Opportunity House	Berks	\$197,314.00
26890	Community Action Inc	Clearfield	\$75,000.00
	Community Action Inc	Jefferson	\$75,000.00
26994	PASSAGES, Inc	Clearfield	\$75,000.00
27088	Beyond Violence Inc	Columbia	\$30,000.00
27086	Pinnacle Health Hospitals	Cumberland	\$170,225.00
	Pinnacle Health Hospitals	Dauphin	\$170,227.00
	Pinnacle Health Hospitals	Perry	\$145,908.00
26845	Dauphin County Commissioners	Dauphin	\$164,433.00
27068	Temple University - Of The Commonwealth System of Higher	Dauphin	\$238,669.00
26999	E.M.I.R. - Every Murder Is Real	Delaware	\$814,075.00
26913	Child Guidance Resource Center	Delaware	\$390,515.00
27067	Temple University - Of The Commonwealth System of Higher	Delaware	\$652,322.00
	Temple University - Of The Commonwealth System of Higher	Lancaster	\$497,980.00
26959	Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc.	Erie	\$499,207.00
27011	Mifflin County Commissioners	Juniata	\$36,623.00
	Mifflin County Commissioners	Mifflin	\$36,624.00
26957	CASA of Lancaster County Inc DBA CASA of Lancaster County	Lancaster	\$122,090.00
27022	Monroe County Commissioners	Monroe	\$105,962.00
26982	Laurel House	Montgomery	\$183,401.00
27084	MidPenn Legal Services	Perry	\$75,000.00
26853	The Center for Grieving Children	Philadelphia	\$683,172.00
26875	Drexel University	Philadelphia	\$3,153,751.00
26936	E.M.I.R. - Every Murder Is Real	Philadelphia	\$1,452,000.00
26992	Mothers In Charge	Philadelphia	\$993,110.00
27017	Temple University - Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Educati	Philadelphia	\$1,695,274.00
26972	Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Lebanon County	Schuylkill	\$157,198.00
26991	CASA for Kids, Inc	Washington	\$60,000.00
27026	Laurel Legal Services, Inc	Westmoreland	\$117,527.00
27087	Casa of Westmoreland, Inc	Westmoreland	\$81,525.00
26862	Young Womens Christian Association of Hanover Pennsylvania	York	\$109,200.00

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27041	Young Womens Christian Association of York	York	\$190,211.00