

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY  
3101 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA

December 11, 2019 Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Before: Chairman Charles H. Ramsey  
Honorable John Adams, Commissioner  
Rev. Dr. Anne Ard, Commissioner  
Ms. Karen Baker, Commissioner  
Mr. Tarik Casteel, Commissioner  
Mr. Philip Damiani, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Ms. Gwenn Dando, Designee for Honorable Wayne Langerholc, Jr.  
Mr. Thomas Darr, Commissioner  
Mr. Michael Deery, Esq., Designee for Honorable Vincent Hughes (via telephone)  
Mr. John Delaney, Jr., Commissioner  
Honorable Sheryl Delozier, Commissioner  
Honorable Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Honorable Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Commissioner  
Honorable James J. Fitzgerald III, Commissioner  
Honorable Anthony Harvilla, Commissioner  
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Honorable Wayne Langerholc, Jr., Commissioner  
Honorable Edward Marsico, Jr., Commissioner  
Mr. Sean T. McGinley, Commissioner  
Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Jr., Commissioner (via telephone)  
Mr. Edward Mulvey (via telephone)  
Honorable Jennifer Smith, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Mr. Keith Snyder, Commissioner  
Mr. Richard Steele, Commissioner  
Mr. Mike Vereb, Commissioner  
Dr. David Volkman, Designee for Sec. Pedro Rivera  
Mr. William Ward, Esq., Commissioner  
Ms. Vicki Wilken, Designee for Honorable Patrick Browne (via telephone)

PCCD Staff: Mike Pennington, Executive Director  
Kathy Buckley, Director, Office of Victims' Services  
Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research and Children's Advocacy  
Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration  
Debra Sandifer, Chief Counsel  
Jeff Blystone  
Kathy Clarke  
Christina Cosgrove  
Chris Epoca  
Rich Finley  
Samantha Koch  
Geoff Kolchin  
Carol Kuntz  
Michael Leister  
Zoe Miner  
Jackie Weaknecht  
Danielle Wilbert

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Ramsey called the December 11, 2019 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:00 AM.

Chairman Ramsey welcomed members and guests, and he verified participation by a quorum. He asked for a roll call of members on phone and reminded members to mute their phones.

**II. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Charles H. Ramsey

- The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting. *Commissioner Vereb made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 11, 2019 PCCD Commission Meeting. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*
- Chairman Ramsey recognized Tom Darr for his service to the Commonwealth and his work with the Commission and announced that Mr. Darr will retire at the end of the year after 38 years of service, 30 of which were with AOPC. He noted that Mr. Darr has attended Commission meetings for at least the last 25 years, and that he has been a consummate professional and great partner to PCCD. Chairman Ramsey thanked Mr. Darr for his contributions to the justice system and wished him the very best in his retirement.
- Chairman Ramsey provided a brief update on the Special Council on Gun Violence, reminding everyone that it was established earlier in the year through Executive Order and noting that the Council is tasked with developing recommendations and best practices to prevent and reduce gun violence in Pennsylvania. The Special Council established five stakeholder workgroups comprised of 80 members with diverse backgrounds. Each workgroup focused on a key area of gun violence, including mass shootings, community gun violence, accidental/unintentional shootings, suicide by firearms, and domestic violence-related shootings. He noted that the 10 workgroup meetings were productive thanks in large part to the skillful facilitation provided by consultants from Strategic Applications International (SAI).

Chairman Ramsey informed the Commission that between November 15 and December 5, the Council hosted five public hearings across the Commonwealth to listen and learn from individuals with professional and lived experience and expertise on issues related to gun violence. Testimony was provided by nearly 50 individuals and more than 150 participants attended the sessions. In addition, he mentioned that a webpage was created with an Online Public Commentary Survey where individuals can share their thoughts and perspectives with the Special Council. Chairman Ramsey noted that in the three weeks since the survey was opened, input and responses from more than 300 Pennsylvanians had been received.

Chairman Ramsey stated that the Special Council would meet again to begin discussions on the broad themes and early areas of consensus that have emerged from the stakeholder discussions. He said that each workgroup would convene 1-2 more times by mid-January to inform the development of a first draft of findings and recommendations, which will be presented to the Special Council when they meet again on January 29, 2020. He informed the Commission that the draft report will be made public and available for comment so stakeholders can provide feedback, along with input from members of the Council, their Workgroups, and PCCD's Advisory Committees, to develop a final report of findings and recommendations to present at the March 11, 2020 Commission meeting. Chairman Ramsey thanked the Commission members who are serving on the Special Council, and PCCD staff for leading and organizing the hearings.

- **School Security Personnel Training** – Chairman Ramsey mentioned that at the last meeting the Commission was informed that the School Code was amended giving the Commission several new responsibilities including the review of training that is required of school security personnel and the

opportunity to review and approve training programs that are considered equivalent to the statutorily required National Association of School Resource officers Basic training. He noted that since the Commission's last meeting staff attended and reviewed the NASRO training and developed guidelines that could be used to review other training programs to determine if they meet the training standard of the NASRO program. These guidelines were presented to the School Safety and Security Committee and incorporated the recommendations on page 79 of today's meeting materials. Chairman Ramsey stated the importance of considering trainings other than NASRO so that all security personnel can be trained in a timely manner. He noted that NASRO has been making additional trainings available in Pennsylvania, but that increased training effort will end in February 2020.

**Action Item:**

School Security Personnel Training

***The Commission is requested to take action to approve the security personnel training guidelines and delegate authority to the PCCD Executive Director to apply these guidelines to submitted training programs and approve those programs when it is determined that the training provider meets all the established standards.***

*Designee Volkman made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Vereb. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

- **School Security Guard Vendor** – Chairman Ramsey stated that the School Code also tasks the Commission to establish criteria for approving third-party vendors to provide school security guards for school entities and nonpublic schools throughout Pennsylvania. He mentioned that the Pennsylvania State Police, Department of Education and members of PCCD worked together to determine the set of criteria included for consideration. He said that an application process was developed that is associated with the criteria and that each vendor will be responsible for completing and submitting the application and requisite information to PCCD. He noted that PCCD staff will review submissions and determine if the vendor meets the criteria. Once approved, the vendor's business name and contact information will be added to a list that will be house on PCCD's website. These criteria were presented to the School Safety and Security Commission and incorporated any recommendations on page 83 of the meeting materials.

**Action Item:**

School Security Guard Vendor

***The Commission is requested to take action to approve the criteria for certifying approved third-party vendors to provide school security guard services and delegate authority to the PCCD Executive Director to determine whether or not a vendor meets the criteria for approval and can be added to the list of approved vendors to be posted on PCCD's website.***

*Designee Volkman made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Vereb. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Volkman, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

### III. Executive Director's Report

Michael Pennington, Executive Director

Mr. Pennington provided updates and an overview of recent activity within PCCD.

- PCCD held their annual staff appreciation event where achievements from the past year were highlighted, veterans were acknowledged and employees who achieved certain employment longevity benchmarks were recognized. Some of the highlighted accomplishments included \$300M funding awarded or granted to PCCD in 2019 (as compared to \$100M in 2009), an increased VOCA award that reached \$128M and processing nearly 900 school safety and security grant applications, developed online training options for both Constables and Sheriffs training programs to reduce costs but still provided needed training, facilitated CJAB and Pathways conferences, awarded approximately \$13M to crime victims and reviewed nearly 16,000 claims, have all 1,200 police departments reporting data related to taking juveniles into custody in our JHELD system for the first time ever, and were awarded 20 federal grants and were successful on 5 out of 8 of our competitive applications.
- **School Safety and Security Committee** – The School Safety and Security Committee met on November 10 and was briefed on the response to the most recent funding announcement. There were 474 eligible school safety competitive applications submitted this year requesting a total of \$116M (compared with a total of \$177.6M last year), with \$33M available to be awarded. Mr. Pennington noted an increase in the requests for mental health related projects as compared to last year's applications which requested more funding for physical security. In addition, Mr. Pennington stated that under the Community Violence Prevention funding announcement there were 59 eligible applications submitted requesting a total of \$14.3M, which is significantly less than last year when there were 123 applications requesting \$37.2M in funding. He said there is \$7.5M available to be awarded in this area and he noted that the Committee will consider recommendations on these applications at their January and February meetings. He said the SSSC also reviewed the threat assessment information materials and guidelines that must be developed by 12/25/19. He said they will review and consider them for adoption at their 12/17/19 meeting.
- **Non-Profit Security Grant Program** – On November 7, Act 83 established the Non-Profit Security Grant Fund under PCCD which is intended to support security enhancements for non-profit organizations located in Pennsylvania. Mr. Pennington said that in order to be eligible for program funding, the applicant must be designated 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and must principally serve individuals, groups, or institutions that are included within a bias motivation category for single bias hate crime incidents identified by the FBI. He stated that the categories include race/ethnicity/ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity. He stated that \$5M in General Funds will be transferred to the Non-Profit Security Grant Fund for this purpose and that the minimum award will be \$5,000 and the maximum being \$150,000. Mr. Pennington said that funding can be used for a wide range of security enhancements like training, equipment, assessments and upgrades to buildings. He said that they are working through the

process to be used to accept and review the applications and noted that there are over 40,000 501 (c)(3) organizations eligible to apply.

Mr. Pennington also stated that PCCD is required to consult with PSP and the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security on the review and approval of the applications no later than 90 days after a completed application is received. He also said that PCCD is required to begin accepting applications on a rolling basis no later than March 1, 2020, but that PCCD intends to open the funding announcement well in advance of that so that applications can be brought to the March Commission meeting for consideration. He stated that information will be posted on the website soon since a significant number of inquiries have already been received. He said that those who are interested in participating in the review group should contact him.

- **JRI2 Bill Package** – Lastly, Mr. Pennington mentioned that the House Judiciary Committee took up Senate Bills 500, 501 and 502. He reminded that those bills comprised the entire Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 legislative package and that PCCD hosted both JRI Task Forces which were done in partnership with the PEW Foundation and the Council of State Governments to examine Pennsylvania’s criminal justice data and our process and develop recommendations for reform. He said the JRI2 package included the creation of a new County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee at PCCD, makes modifications to the county probation sentencing process, and amends the Crime Victims Act. He stated that it is his understanding that the House intends to take this legislation up for a full vote, and that it will be sent back to the Senate on concurrence. He noted that if the senate takes it up and concurs, these laws will be implemented in the new year.

**IV. Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Report**

Mr. William Ward

Ms. Jacqueline Weaknecht

- Committee Chair William Ward reviewed information from the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) report, which can be found on page 1 of the Commission meeting materials. Three informational items and one action item were presented to the Commission.

**Action Item:**

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds

***Staff and the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of two applications to fund up to \$189,952 in federal JAG funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.***

*Commissioner Ward made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Michalik. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

**V. Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Report**

Honorable David W. Heckler  
Ms. Kirsten Kenyon

- The Honorable David W. Heckler, Committee Chair, provided an overview of the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory (CACAC) report, referencing page 6 of the Commission meeting materials.

**Action Item:**

State Children’s Advocacy Center Funds for 39 continuation applications for 2019 National Children’s Alliance (NCA) member CACs.

***Staff and the Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of \$1,797,879 in state CAC funds pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.***

*Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Havilla. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioners Michalik and McGinley.

**Action Item:**

State Children’s Advocacy Center Funds for one continuation application for Emerging CACs and MDITs.

***Staff and the Committee are recommending approval of this application requesting a total of \$24,988 in CAC funds pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.***

*Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Langerholc. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner McGinley.

**Action Item:**

State Children's Advocacy Center Funds for one continuation application to support the Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy Center and Multidisciplinary Teams.

**Staff and the Committee are recommending approval of this application requesting a total of \$400,000 in CAC funds.**

Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Snyder. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

**Action Item:**

Endowment Act Funds for five initial applications to support Child Advocacy Centers and Victim Service Providers.

**Staff and the Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of \$202,254 in Endowment Act funds pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.**

Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Delaney. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner McGinley

**Action Item:**

Endowment Act Funds for eight initial applications to support training of persons who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse.

**Staff and the Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of \$307,272 in Endowment Act Funds pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.**

Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Vereb. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia

## VI. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Mike Vereb

Ms. Jacqueline Weaknecht

- Mr. Vereb presented the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee report, which begins on page 27 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Vereb highlighted several informational updates from the November 13, 2019 CJAC meeting before presenting six action items for the Committee's approval.

### Action Item:

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Under \$10K Funds

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of one application to fund up to \$1,800,000 in federal Byrne JAG Under \$10K funds contingent upon the availability of funds.**

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Snyder. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

### Action Item:

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) State Share Funds

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending the approval of two applications to fund up to \$1,420,000 in federal JAG funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.**

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Harvilla. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Adams

**Action Item:**

State Justice Reinvestment Innovative Policing Funds

***Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending the approval of one application requesting up to \$12,500 in state JRI Innovative Policing funds contingent upon the availability of funds.***

*Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Harvilla. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner McGinley

**Action Item:**

2019 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements

***Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending the approval of four applications requesting up to \$551,925 in Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.***

*Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Marsico. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioners Adams and Michalik

**Action Item:**

2017/18 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending the approval of three applications requesting up to \$311,051 in Byrne JAG funds contingent upon the availability of funds.**

*Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Snyder. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioners Michalik

**Action Item:**

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Category One Funds and Federal State Opioid Response (SOR) Funds

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending the approval of seven applications requesting up to \$934,568 in state Substance Abuse and Demand Reduction Category One Funds and federal State Opioid Response funds contingent upon the availability of funds.**

*Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Ward. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

Commissioner Marsico asked the source of the second stream of funding and was answered DDAP funds.

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioners Adams and Michalik

**Action Item:**

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Category Two & Three Funds

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending the approval of three applications requesting up to \$824,923 in state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Category Two and Three funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.**

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Designee Volkman. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

## VII. Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report

Mr. John Delaney  
Ms. Kathy Buckley

- Mr. Delaney gave the Victims' Services Advisory Committee report that included six informational updates, and three action items as described starting on page 59 of the Commission meeting materials. He reviewed highlights of the VSAC meeting and informational updates from the quarterly meeting held on November 12, 2019 before moving on to the action items.

### **Action Item:**

Federal STOP Violence Against Women Funds

**Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommends the approval of one application submitted by the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for the "STOP Judicial 2020" Project not to exceed \$236,200 in Federal STOP Grant funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.**

Mr. Delaney made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Darr

### **Action Item:**

Federal Victims of Crime Act Funds

**Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommends the approval of one 2-year grant application from the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI) not to exceed \$1,150,401 in federal VOCA funds to continue support for Pennsylvania's automated victim notification system (PA SAVIN), pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.**

Mr. Delaney made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Snyder. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Adams

**Action Item:**

Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds

**Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommends the approval of one grant augmentation for Victims' Intervention Program not to exceed \$50,000 in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Funding pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.**

Commissioner Delaney made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Ard. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

**VIII. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee Report**

Mr. Keith Snyder  
Mr. Geoffrey Kolchin

- Mr. Snyder provided the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJJPC) report, which begins on page 65 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Snyder provided brief highlights from the JJJPC meeting held on November 14, 2019 and presented three action items for the Committee's approval.

**Action Item:**

Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Funds

**Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee recommends approval of one application seeking up to \$800,000 in federal JJDP Funds to continue implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES) Training and Technical Assistance Project pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.**

Mr. Snyder made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Harvilla. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Mulvey

**Action Item:**

State Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Funds

**Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee recommends approval of five applications seeking up to \$704,167 in Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Funds to implement research-based approaches and practices in prevention, intervention, treatment, training and education that reduce and/or eliminate youth substance abuse or provide resources that assist families in accessing these services pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.**

Mr. Snyder made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Steele. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

**Action Item:**

State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) Funds

**Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee recommends approval of one application seeking up to \$120,000 in Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) Funds to support the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation application to**

**sponsor a 2020 PA National School Safe2Say Something Conference pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.**

Mr. Snyder made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Vereb

**IX. Constables' Education and Training Board**

Mr. John Bruno  
Mr. John Pfau

- Board Chairman John Bruno provided the Constables Education and Training Board (CETB) report as found on page 73 of the Commission meeting materials and gave an update from the Constables Education and Training Board's (CETB) quarterly meeting held on November 7, 2019.

**Action Item:**

Act 233 Stipend Payment

**Staff and the Constables' Education and Training Board are recommending that the Commission not approve an Act 233 stipend payment for constables' attendance at 2019 Continuing Education Courses.**

Commissioner Harvilla made the motion for approval of the action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Snyder. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

**X. Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board**

Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht  
Mr. John Pfau

- Commissioner Weaknecht provided the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board (SDSETB) report as found on page 75 of the Commission meeting materials and gave an update from the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board meeting held on August 27, 2019.

**Action Item:**  
Code of Conduct

**Staff and the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board are recommending that the Commission approve the revised Code of Conduct, specifically changes to Section I.D., I.F., (Testing) and Section VII (Fitness for Duty).**

*Commissioner Harvilla made the motion for approval of the action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

**Action Item:**  
Continuing Education Training

**Staff and the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board are recommending that the Commission approve the revised Board Policy relating to changes to tis continuing education training delivery, specifically changes to Section II. C. (Training Attendance), V.C (Training Reimbursement) and VIII. A. (Reemployment).**

*Commissioner Harvilla made the motion for approval of the action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.*

*Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Casteel, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Langerholc, Marsico, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Smith, Snyder, Steele, Vereb, Ward, and Designees Deery (Hughes), Volkman (Rivera), and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

**XI. Other Business**

Chairman Ramsey invited members to bring other business before the Commission. There were no members who brought other business before the Commission.

**XII. Public Voice**

Chairman Ramsey invited anyone from the public to address the Commission. There were no members of the public who addressed the Commission.

None.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Ramsey noted that the next Commission Meeting is slated for March 11, 2020, and that the quarterly meetings and other events are listed on the agenda.

*Commissioner Vereb made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Designee Volkman. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:11 AM.*