

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

December 12, 2018 Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Before: John Adams, Esq., Commissioner
James E. Anderson, Commissioner
Karen Baker, Commissioner
Mary Jane Bowes, Commissioner (via telephone)
Mr. Philip Damiani, Commissioner (via telephone)
Mr. Thomas Darr, Commissioner
Michael Deery, Esq. for Honorable Vincent Hughes (via telephone)
John Delaney, Jr., Esq., Commissioner
Honorable Sheryl Delozier, Commissioner
Honorable Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner (via telephone)
Lt. Colonel Robert Evanchick, Commissioner
Honorable James J. Fitzgerald III, Commissioner
Honorable Anthony Harvilla, Commissioner
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner
Honorable Curtis Jones, Jr., Commissioner
Mr. Thomas King, Commissioner
Ms. Carol Lavery, Commissioner
Honorable Edward Marsico, Jr., Commissioner
Honorable Matthew McConnell, Commissioner (via telephone)
Dr. Edward P. Mulvey, Ph.D., Commissioner (via telephone)
Mary Onama, Commissioner (via telephone)
Joseph Petrarca, Commissioner
Honorable Charles H. Ramsey, Chairman
Christine Wechsler Rayer, Esq., Commissioner
Mr. Sean Ryan, Commissioner
Richard Steele, Commissioner
Jennifer Storm, Commissioner
James Turner, Commissioner (via telephone)
Mr. Mike Vereb, Commissioner
David Volkman, for Sec. Pedro Rivera, Commissioner
Phoenicia Wallace, Esq., Commissioner
William Ward, Esq., Commissioner
Vicki Wilken, Esq., for Honorable Patrick Brown, Commissioner
Michele Minor Wolf, Commissioner

Staff: Derin Myers, Acting Executive Director
Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research and Children's Advocacy
Roi Ligon, Safe Schools Advocate
Valerie McMahon, Director, Office of Victims Services
Mike Pennington, Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency
Prevention and Acting Director, Office of Criminal Justice System
Improvements
Debra Sandifer, Chief Counsel
Pamela Bennett
Jeff Blystone
Stacie Brendlinger
Danielle Chubb
Kathy Clarke
Christina Cosgrove-Rooks
Chris Epoca
Nancy Heisler
Rebecca Kiehl
Geoff Kolchin
Jim McAlpine
Diane Morgan
Natalie Novotny-Goles
Robert Orth
Daisy Pagan
John Pfau
Tiana Smith
Marcella Szumanski
Jackie Weaknecht

Guests: William Otis, for Honorable Leo Dunn, Commissioner
Ryan Stevens, Representative Sheryl Delozier's Office

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ramsey called the December 12, 2018 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:02 AM and welcomed participants and guests. A quorum of members was present.

The first order of business was to review the Minutes from the September 12, 2018 Meeting. *Commissioner Darr made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2018 PCCD Commission Meeting. Commissioner Vereb seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ramsey recognized two Commission members for their accomplishments:

1. Commissioner Sean Ryan announced his retirement as Chief Probation Officer at Bucks County, effective January 2019. Chairman Ramsey highlighted Mr. Ryan's 40+ year career in the field of corrections, his work with Bucks County Probation and the PA Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP), and his active involvement in various PCCD initiatives, particularly with increasing the use of evidence-based practices in adult probation. Chairman Ramsey expressed appreciation for his contributions and wished him the best in his future endeavors.
2. Though Commissioner James Anderson retired several years ago as the Executive Director of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC), he had continued his involvement with PCCD as both an advisor and Commission member. He has decided that the time has come for him to step down from those commitments and his role as Chairman of the JJDPC, making this his last Commission meeting. Chairman Ramsey thanked Jim for his service and wished him the best.

Commission members concurred with Chairman Ramsey's comments and applauded both men.

Chairman Ramsey gave an update on support and activities of the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC), including providing guidance on pertinent issues and awarding \$60 million to school entities for their safety and security measures. The SSSC has received funding requests totaling over \$300 million, and has already awarded \$12.5 million to school districts across the Commonwealth. In addition, a currently open funding announcement makes another \$7.5 million available to support violence reduction initiatives. Chairman Ramsey committed to providing more updates on this important work as it evolves.

Chairman Ramsey concluded his remarks by announcing that PCCD was selected for the PA Excellence in Technology Award at the PA Digital Government Summit on November 28, 2018 for its involvement in developing JHELD, a digital data collection application. The only system of its type in the nation, JHELD has simplified the process of police departments collecting information that PCCD is required to report to the federal government when they hold juveniles, and is being promoted as a

model to other states. Chairman Ramsey recognized key OJJDP staff Mike Pennington and Marcella Szumanski and asked that they pass along the Commission's appreciation for their efforts.

III. **Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director's Report was given by Acting Executive Director Derin Myers, who provided updates and an overview of recent activity within PCCD. As was shared at the last Commission meeting, Mr. Bob Merwine left PCCD as Director of the Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements (OCJSI). Following his departure, Mr. Mike Pennington was asked to fill in as Acting Director of OCJSI. Mr. Myers noted that with these and other developments at PCCD occurring, agency leadership is continuing to evaluate our structure.

Mr. Myers recounted that last year he provided Commissioners with an update on PCCD's oversight of the \$5 million in the 2017-2018 state budget to provide Naloxone to first responders across the Commonwealth. To date, \$3.5 million has been utilized, making 51,000 doses available to first responders in every county. As a direct result of the program, there have been 4501 overdose reversals thus far. In addition, resources have been made available to the Department of Health for "Naloxone Day," making thousands of doses available statewide to anyone at no cost.

Mr. Myers informed Commissioners that PCCD has been asked to testify in some upcoming hearings, which provide opportunities to share what we do. First, on January 22, 2019, PCCD will join JCJC, the Department of Corrections (DOC), and PBPP in offering testimony regarding performance-based budgeting. PCCD will also be sharing what we do with the resources we have available at the Senate and House Appropriations Committee hearings this year, in tandem with JCJC for one, and with DOC, PBPP and JCJC for the other.

Following these updates, Mr. Myers invited PCCD consultant Robert Orth to present information to the group on the recently released Criminal Justice Population Projections Report. Developed by the Criminal Justice Population Projections Committee (CJPPC), the report delineates consensus regarding the methodology, assumptions, and projections for state inmate and parolee populations (based upon compiled data and information), as well as budgetary implications.

Mr. Orth provided copies of the infographic report and executive summary, which was submitted to the Governor's Budget and Policy Offices and sent to the General Assembly, and highlighted some of the more interesting data points:

- As of June 2018, the finalized state inmate population was just over 48,000, which combined with the parolee population to be about 90,000; however, some individuals are double-counted, resulting in a combined, unduplicated population of just under 87,000
- In looking at trending 5 years out, foresee an uptick in 2020 of about 800 people due to sentencing enhancement for fentanyl, then anticipate the number will stabilize and then start to decrease

- For the current fiscal year, project a .1% increase in the inmate population (about 2 a month) and a decrease of 1.3% in the parolee population (about 46 a month)
- Trends in reported sentences continue decreasing, historically 12-14% each year, and a 22% decrease in state prison sentences between 2013 and 2017
- The infographic of state prison sentences for drug offenses clearly shows the impact of the heroin epidemic, with a 44% increase from 2013 to 2017
- Average minimum/maximum months for state prison sentences have decreased over the past 5 years

Mr. Orth concluded his presentation with a recommendation of taking a look at the upward escalation of probation. He then responded to a few questions raised, noting they don't look at the big picture trends, but may want to do so in the future.

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

Mr. James Anderson, Committee Chair, provided the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) Report, which begins on page 1 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Anderson highlighted two informational items of interest before reviewing the action items for the Committee's approval.

- The JJDP began working on the 2019 Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Plan in August, and confirmed the final draft in November. PCCD is legislatively required to develop a bi-annual comprehensive juvenile justice plan, including delinquency prevention. The final draft is at the printer's, with plans to present it to the Governor in January.
- Earlier this year, Aetna Better Health initiated conversations with PCCD and the EPISCenter to provide funds to bring the Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) Program to 30 Head Start classrooms in Dauphin County. There is hope that with positive results from this pilot, Aetna will expand the approach into a statewide initiative.

Action Items:

The JJDP had five action items for the Commission's consideration. Mr. Anderson reviewed the request information provided in the report and the amount of funding recommended for each action item. The complete summaries begin on page 4 of the Commission meeting materials.

Violence & Delinquency Prevention Programs and Department of Human Services (VDPP/DHS) Funds – Initial Application and Augmentation Requests

Mr. Anderson described the funding requested by Education and Treatment Alternatives, Inc. for the *ART Program Implementation in Probation and Residential Facilities Project* and the two augmentations requested to existing projects: Vanderbilt University for the *2018 Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) Training and Technical Assistance Project*, and Commonwealth Prevention Alliance for the *PA STOP Project*.

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of this initial application requesting \$51,000, and these two augmentations requesting a total of \$125,000, for a combined total of \$176,000 in VDPP/DHS Funds.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

VDPP Funds – Delegation of Authority

Mr. Anderson shared the request that the Commission delegate authority to the PCCD Executive Director to approve, with approval of the Chairman of PCCD and the Chairman of the JJDP, the redistribution of any unexpended or voluntarily returned VDPP funds to augment existing projects, provide trainings for evidence-based programs (EBPs), support the annual conference or offset related expenses.

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of this delegation of authority request for redistribution of VDPP Funds.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Lavery. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) Funds – Initial Applications and Augmentation Request

Mr. Anderson described the four initial applications to develop local initiatives in partnership with local entity as part of the Opioid Misuse Prevention Project, and the request to augment the existing EPISCenter Prevention Initiative grant to enable them to provide training and technical assistance to those four grantees.

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of these four applications requesting a total of up to \$1,560,000, and one augmentation of up to \$335,000, for a combined total of up to \$1,895,000 in DDAP Funds pending resolution of any fiscal or program concerns.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner King. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Funds – Ongoing Applications

Mr. Anderson reviewed two ongoing two-year applications: Pennsylvania DMC Corporation to continue the DMC Youth/Law Enforcement Engagement Project, and the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research at Shippensburg University to continue the Compliance Monitoring Project (a requirement for federal funds).

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of these two applications requesting a combined total of up to \$1,170,415 in JJDP Funds pending resolution of any fiscal or program concerns.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Steele

State Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Funds – Augmentation Request

Finally, Mr. Anderson described the augmentation request from the Penn State System of Higher Education Foundation’s “Changing the Culture with 2 Forms of the SBIRT Program” to eliminate underage and dangerous drinking and drug use at the State System campuses.

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of this augmentation for \$25,515 in SAEDR Funds.

Commissioner Anderson made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Delaney. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Mulvey

V. Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Report

Committee Acting Chair, Mr. William Ward, reviewed information from the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) Report, which can be found on page 9 of the Commission meeting materials. There were no action items to present to the Commission.

Mr. Ward began by stating that he wanted to supplement the Chairman’s previous opening comments regarding the loss of Commissioners Ryan and Anderson. He noted Judge Zottola’s resignation in October from the Commission and MHJAC, acknowledged his service in leading the MHJAC since its inception, and thanked him for his efforts over the years. The Commissioners and other participants joined in applauding him.

Mr. Ward briefly shared highlights from the MHJAC's November meeting:

- Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) updated the Committee on the ACLU settlement, which is in its 3rd round
- Change of representation with the Council of State Governments for the PA Stepping Up Technical Assistance Center and developments in that initiative to assist counties with individuals with mental health issues and co-occurring disorders in county jails
- Informational presentation and program outcomes on the Bucks County *Magisterial District Judge Mobile Engagement Pilot*

Mr. Ward concluded his report by noting an update for the calendar of the statewide Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) meeting coming up on March 26, 2019, and that registration will open next month.

VI. **Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Report**

The Honorable David W. Heckler, Committee Chair, provided an overview of the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory (CACAC) Report, referencing page 11 of the Commission meeting materials. Chairman Heckler noted that the Committee convened on November 8, 2018 and briefly shared two updates before delving into the CACAC's action items.

- Dr. Jenny Knoll provided a status report on Year One of the child sexual abuse prevention pilot, which appears to be on task with implementing the *Stewards of Children* program, looking forward to Year Two
- PCCD staff Lindsay Vaughan provided an update on a series of regional symposiums by PCCD and PA DA Assn for multidisciplinary investigative team (MDIT) participants regarding mobile teams and best practices

Action Items:

Mr. Heckler presented six action items recommended by the CACAC for the Commission's consideration, three pertaining to State Children's Advocacy Center Funds and three regarding Endowment Act Funds. Mr. Heckler reviewed the request information provided in the report and the amount of funding recommended for each action item. The complete summaries begin on page 13 of the Commission meeting materials.

State Children's Advocacy Center Funds

The first request was to take action on 39 continuation applications, primarily to support operating costs for 2018 National Children's Alliance (NCA) member CACs.

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of \$1,795,180 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 Vereb. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, Marsico, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Evanchick, King, Lavery, and McConnell

CAC and Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) Development

Secondly, the Commission was requested to approve four continuation applications for CAC and Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) Development, to support the creation of MDITs and CACs in counties that don't have an NCA CAC but are moving in that direction

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of \$108,157 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 Vereb. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

PA Chapter of CACs and MDITs

Finally, for this funding stream, the Commission's approval was sought for one continuation application to support the Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary Teams in providing training and technical assistance to CACs and MDITs.

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of these applications 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 Delaney. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: King

Endowment Act Funds

The first action item for this funding stream pertained to 15 initial applications to support CACs.

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of \$1,021,327 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 Ryan. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Direct Victim Service Organizations

Next, the Commission was requested to take action on ten initial applications to support victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse.

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of \$491,791 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 Anderson. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment. There was a notation that the funding amount was a typographical error, and the correct amount for this action item was provided, as follows.

Staff and the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of \$727,753 in Endowment Act funds pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this amended action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Vereb. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Prevention Pilot Year 2 Augmentation

Finally, Commissioners were asked to take action on an Augmentation Request to award Year Two Endowment Act – Prevention funding to continue the prevention pilot project with Bucks, Cambria/Somerset, Chester, and York Counties.

Staff and the Children’s Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of these applications requesting a total of up to \$1,665,000 in Endowment Act funds.

Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Storm. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Ryan

VII. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Michael Vereb presented the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Report, which begins on page 35 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Vereb highlighted several informational items for consideration (see pages 39-44 for details) before reviewing the action items for the Committee's approval.

- PA will receive federal funds to support the PA State Police (PSP) in expanding their provision of free toxicology services to law enforcement agencies statewide
- Federal Adam Walsh Act funds will enable PSP to digitize their paper files and pay for pertinent overtime costs and support victim notification and outreach efforts by the PBPP Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA)
- PA was awarded federal funds that will support PSP, the PA Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA), PA Justice Network (JNET), and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to develop an e-filing system for criminal complaints, central booking system equipment, and Livescan finger print processing
- PA received funds to support 15 law enforcement agencies and PCPA in transitioning to and implementing the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X)
- Over 50 police departments will receive equipment, training, and assistance with policies for body-worn cameras from another federal award
- CJAC members discussed the development of a competitive solicitation for funding through Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) awards and sub-awards

Mr. Vereb concluded these opening remarks by reminding the Commission of the 2019 CJAC Conference, slated for April 9-10 in State College, noting that registration for this event will open in January.

Action Items:

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee had six action items for the Commission's consideration, as described starting on page 45 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Vereb provided an overview of each request and the funding recommended.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Funds

First, Mr. Vereb reviewed the request for two applications for funding to support evidence-based programs and implementation of specialized treatment, planning, and interventions within county jails and/or work release centers that address substance use and other related issues.

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$249,532 in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) 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, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted: all in favor, none abstained

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey,

Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

2018 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements Funds

Secondly, Mr. Vereb presented Commissioners with five applications supporting forensic services, including quality and timeliness, laboratory accreditation, and/or the certification of forensic science specialists.

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$482,223 in federal Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement funds contingent upon the availability of 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, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Adams, Marsico

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Category One Funds

Next, Mr. Vereb requested that the Commission take action on eight applications requesting funds to support implementation strategies aimed at combating opioid/heroin overdoses in Pennsylvania communities.

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$1,036,073 in state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Category One funds contingent upon the availability of funds.

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama,

Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Adams

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

Then Mr. Vereb reviewed the goals for Categories Two and Three and shared the request for approval of four applications for funds to educate the public about the dangers of substance use and/or reduce demand for substances.

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$1,389,455 in state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Category Two & Three funds contingent upon the availability of funds.

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Rivera's Designee, Mr. Volkman. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Temple University – Chester Gun Violence (JAG funds)

Next, Mr. Vereb reviewed the application requesting funds to support Temple University and the Ministerial Fellowship of Chester (MFC) with the implementation of the evidenced based CURE Violence model within the city of Chester in an effort to reduce homicides and shootings in the city.

Staff, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, and the Committee of Chairs are recommending approval of up to \$199,416 in federal Byrne 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 Darr. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Reentry Planning Initiatives

Finally, Mr. Vereb went into some detail regarding the request for a competitive solicitation to support up to ten awards with budgets not to exceed \$15,000 to aid counties in their reentry planning efforts.

Staff, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, and the Committee of Chairs are recommending approval of up to \$150,000 in federal Byrne 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, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

VIII. Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report

Committee Chair, Mr. John Delaney, gave the Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) Report, including six (6) informational updates, and nine (9) action items, as described starting on page 57 of the Commission meeting materials. He highlighted two of the informational updates, providing a few comments before moving on to the action items.

Regarding the Delaware County JAG-funded Initiative application from the Archway Charter School, given the significant discussion at the last meeting, the Commission had imposed 2 conditions for approval, of ensuring the proposed intervention is evidence-based and confirming involvement of an Institutional Review Board (IRB). PCCD staff consulted with the applicant, who provided sufficient evidence that the

intervention is both trauma informed and evidence based. Staff also received documentation that the applicant is aligned with Eastern University as their IRB.

Mr. Delaney also referenced the significant effect of the shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, and the rapid response of Stacie Brendlinger and other OVS staff who responded the next day along with Office of the Victim Advocate Jennifer Storm's staff. He praised their nimble ability to be seeing the victims within 24 hours after the incident, noting that VSAC met two weeks afterward and had significant discussion about the shooting.

Action Items:

Mr. Delaney provided an overview of each funding request recommended in the nine action items for the Commission's consideration, as described starting on page 61 of the Commission meeting materials.

Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds

First, in continuation of the last topic, Mr. Delaney shared the Committee's recommendation to fund an application responding to the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of one application submitted by Center for Victims in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding not to exceed \$1 million, 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 Vereb. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

PA Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (PA SAVIN) Service

Next, Mr. Delaney related VSAC's recommendation for an extension of an application submitted for the PA SAVIN.

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of an application from the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI) not to exceed \$1,221,436 in federal VOCA funds to continue support for Pennsylvania's automated victim notification system (PA SAVIN),

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 Heckler. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

2019-2020 Rights and Services Act/Victims of Juvenile Offenders (RASA/VOJO) Grant Program

Mr. Delaney then identified the recommendation for the Commission's approval of 101 applications for the two-year 2019-2020 RASA/VOJO funding cycle which begins on January 1, 2019 and ends on December 31, 2020.

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of applications submitted for the 2019-2020 RASA/VOJO funding cycle not to exceed \$25.3 million, contingent upon the availability of funds, for a period of two years beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020, pending the 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 Anderson. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Heckler, Jones, King, Marsico, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Adams, Doyle, Harvilla, Lavery, and McConnell

Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute (PDAI) Victim Witness Training Project

Mr. Delaney shared information regarding the fourth action item requesting approval of the application to support the "PDAI Victim Witness Training Project" utilizing a

blend of RASA (\$90,720), state compensation (\$161,014), and federal VOCA (\$404,754) funds.

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of an award to the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute in an amount not to exceed \$656,488, pending the resolution of any programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Commissioner Delaney made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Storm. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Lavery

STOP Judicial 2019 Project – AOPC

Mr. Delaney introduced the next action item, an application of an application by the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for the "STOP Judicial 2019" project, supported by federal STOP grant funding.

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommend the approval of an application from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts in an amount not to exceed \$236,960 in federal STOP funds, 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 Anderson. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Darr

STOP Statewide Training and Technical Assistance Grant – PCADV

Committee Chair Delaney noted the next action item, to approve an application by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) for the 2019-2020 “STOP Statewide Training and Technical Assistance” Project.

Staff and the Victims’ Services Advisory Committee recommend the approval of an application from Pennsylvania Coalition against Domestic Violence, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in federal STOP funds, 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 Lavery. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: King

STOP Statewide Training and Technical Assistance Grant – PCAR

Committee Chair Delaney shared the related next action item, to approve an application by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) for the 2019-2020 “STOP Statewide Training and Technical Assistance” Project.

Staff and the Victims’ Services Advisory Committee recommend the approval of an application from Pennsylvania Coalition against Rape, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in federal STOP funds, 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 Lavery. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Baker

STOP Law Enforcement Statewide On-Line Training Grant – PCPA

Committee Chair Delaney identified the next action item, to approve an application by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA) for the 2019-2020 “STOP Violence Against Women On-Line Statewide Training Grant”.

Staff and the Victims Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of one application submitted by Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association in amount not to exceed \$70,000 in federal STOP funds, 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 Vereb. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Storm, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Before proceeding to the final action item, Mr. Delaney stated for the record his admiration for the three individuals who are leaving the Commission. In particular, Commissioner Delaney recognized Mr. James Anderson and thanked him for his incredible help for VSAC, clearly noting his admiration and respect for Mr. Anderson at his departure.

STOP Enhanced Probation and Parole Response to Domestic Violence – OVA

Committee Chair Delaney concluded his report with the final action item, to approve an application by the Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate (OVA) for the 2019-2020 “STOP Enhanced Probation and Parole Response to Domestic Violence” Project.

Staff and the Victims Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of one application submitted by Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in federal STOP funds, 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 Harvilla. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment, and hearing none and no public voice, called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Anderson, Baker, Bowes, Damiani, Darr, Deery (for Hughes), Delaney, Delozier, Doyle, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Jones, King, Lavery, Marsico, McConnell, Mulvey, Onama, Petrarca, Ramsey, Wechsler Rayer, Ryan, Steele, Turner, Vereb, Volkman (for Rivera), Wallace, Ward, Wilken (for Brown), and Minor Wolf

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Storm

IX. Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board

Acting Executive Director Derin Myers briefly mentioned the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board (SDSETB) Report, which is detailed on page 75 of the Commission meeting materials, stating that there are no action items or other pertinent information for the Commission beyond what is contained in the report.

X. Constables' Education and Training Board

Likewise, Mr. Myers directed Commissioners to review the Constables' Education and Training Board (CETB) Report on page 77 of the Commission meeting materials, identifying it as complete, as there are no action items at this time.

XI. Other Business

Chairman Ramsey invited anyone with other business to bring before the Commission to share. Commissioner Jones, a Philadelphia City Councilman, informed the Commission that the City of Philadelphia has experienced an uptick of gun violence and murder, and the new mayor tasked his Cabinet with developing a 100-day response. Mr. Jones stated that he will have the opportunity to preview the response, but cautioned that you can make plans for a rocket ship but you still have to fund fuel and materials. He recommended the Commission get a copy and review the plan once it's released tomorrow and consider how PCCD might help fund implementation and make suggestions to support its success.

XII. Public Voice

None

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Ramsey noted that the next Commission Meeting is March 13, 2019, and that the quarterly meetings and other events are listed on the agenda. He ended the meeting by wishing everyone a good holiday season and prosperous new year, noting that we had a good year, but older you get the faster it goes by.

Commissioner Vereb made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Rivera's Designee, Mr. Volkman. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:22 a.m.