

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

June 12, 2019 Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Before: Rev. Dr. Anne Ard, Commissioner  
Mr. Mark H. Bergstrom, Commissioner  
Mr. Tarik Casteel, Commissioner  
Mr. Michael Deery, Esq., Designee for Honorable Vincent Hughes (via telephone)  
Mr. John Delaney, Jr., Esq., Commissioner  
Honorable Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Commissioner  
Colonel Robert Evanchick, Commissioner  
Honorable James J. Fitzgerald III, Commissioner  
Mr. Jeffrey D. Gally (via telephone)  
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner  
Ms. Carol Lavery, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Mr. Sean T. McGinley, Commissioner  
Dr. Edward Michalik, Jr., Commissioner (via telephone)  
Mr. Edward Mulvey (via telephone)  
Honorable Carolyn H. Nichols  
Chairman Charles H. Ramsey  
Dr. James Roberts, Commissioner  
Mr. Kevin Schreiber, Commissioner (via telephone)  
Honorable Jennifer Smith, Commissioner  
Mr. Keith Snyder, Commissioner  
Mr. Richard Steele, Commissioner  
Mr. Ryan Stevens, Designee for Honorable Sheryl Delozier  
Ms. Jennifer R. Storm, Commissioner  
Mr. R. Kevin Sutter, Commissioner  
Mr. Mike Vereb, Commissioner  
Dr. David Volkman, Designee for Sec. Pedro Rivera, Commissioner  
Ms. Phoenicia D. Wallace, Esq., Commissioner (via telephone)  
Mr. William Ward, Esq., Commissioner (via telephone)

PCCD Staff: Derin Myers, Acting Executive Director  
Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research and Children's Advocacy  
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  
Danielle Chubb  
Christina Cosgrove-Rooks  
Chris Epoca  
Lynn Fidler  
Rich Finley  
Rebecca Kiehl  
Samantha Koch  
Geoff Kolchin  
Michael Leister  
Jim McAlpine  
Diane Morgan  
Jennifer Moore  
Gregory Savage  
Marcella Szumanski  
Jackie Weaknecht

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Ramsey called the June 12, 2019 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:03 AM, welcomed members and guests, and verified participation by a quorum.

**II. Chairman's Report**

The first order of business was to review the minutes from the March 13, 2019 meeting. *Commissioner Vereb made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2019 PCCD Commission Meeting. Commissioner Storm seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

Chairman Ramsey welcomed and gave brief biographies of five newly named Commission Members:

- Rev. Dr. Anne Ard, Executive Director of Centre Safe;
- Mr. Tarik Casteel, President/Owner of TLC Work-Based Training;
- Chief Sean T. McGinley of the Mahoning Township Police Department;
- Pennsylvania Superior Court Justice Carolyn H. Nichols; and
- Dr. James Roberts, Professor and Chair of the Criminal Justice and Criminology Department at the University of Scranton.
- Kevin Sutter, Warden, Erie County Prison

Those in attendance joined the Chairman in welcoming these new Commissioners.

Chairman Ramsey congratulated Colonel Evanchick on his confirmation by the Pennsylvania Senate as the 23<sup>rd</sup> commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Chairman Ramsey announced that PCCD's Mike Pennington was selected to receive the Tony Gobar Outstanding Juvenile Justice Specialist Award by the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, to be awarded at CJJ's national conference on June 20.

Chairman Ramsey then asked those seated around the table to introduce themselves.

**III. Executive Director's Report**

Acting Executive Director Derin Myers provided updates and an overview of recent activity within PCCD, particularly regarding (1) school safety, (2) Justice Reinvestment II, and (3) the Results First Initiative.

1. SSSC had issued safety and security finding reports and was in the process of reviewing and rewarding the grant funding connected to over 700 applications requesting approximately \$180M. The committee approved the awarding \$40M to 234 schools to be used for a broad range of security enhancements that included equipment, school police, behavioral health services and physical plant security upgrades. The committee also approved the awarding \$7.5M to community organizations to implement programs that are designed to prevent violence. The programs include increasing access to trauma-informed support and behavioral health services, coordinated health and intervention strategies, mentoring and intervention services for those that have experienced trauma, and improving communication between schools, communities and law enforcement. We had about 130 applications and we awarded 25 were funded across the state with the communities' violent crime rate being part of the determining factor.

The committee will be considering the next years funding framework at their meeting in July. The committee seems interested in looking at alternative to the model used last year since there ended up being so much need that was left unsatisfied. The Governor included \$45M for this program in his budget proposal and it seems likely that the final appropriated amount will be at least that amount.

2. Justice Reinvestment II - The package of bills associated with Justice Reinvestment II have passed through the Senate and are going to be taken up by the House with a public hearing being held on

the 17<sup>th</sup>. Justice Reinvestment II proposes several significant policy changes which start with making short prison sentences more predictable and less expensive and then reinvesting the savings from this into county probation services. It is estimated that over \$20M in savings would be reinvested in probation services. PCCD would be responsible for working with a newly established adult probation advisory committee who would establish a funding formula for reinvestment dollars that would be tied to volume of cases and the needs of those being supervised.

There would also be changes that would guide sentencing decisions, establish a working group that would develop a strategy and would organize a statewide forum on pretrial reform, and provide more services to victims of crime. The PCCD victim compensation law would change to allow for increased coverage. The filing deadline would increase from 2 to 3 years. There would be a good cause filing exception after three years and the consideration of contributory conduct would be eliminated in homicide cases for funeral costs. The Senate bill numbers are 500, 501, and 502.

3. Results First Initiative – Since 1998, PCCD has been significantly involved with the implementation of model, evidence-based delinquency prevention programs and for the majority of this time has partnered with Penn State University's Prevention Research Center to guide and assess the implementation of certain programs. Over the years we have gathered information and projected the return on investment of these programs based mostly on the work of the Washing State Institute on Public Policy. A little over a year ago the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative approached Penn State and offered us the opportunity to build a cost-benefit model based on Pennsylvania-specific data. We have completed the analysis and finalized the report and have asked Roger Spaw, from the Prevention Research Center and Geoff Kolchin, who oversees the program for PCCD, to review the report and findings with you.

Geoff Kolchin: ROI of initiatives – We have been working with Pew-MacArthur Foundation for the past 18 months on this project and we are happy to share the results with you today. Pennsylvania has a long history of using return on investment to drive policy decision making. VDPP funds programs with a large amount of evidence behind them. With early upstream prevention are trying to prove a negative. We have used the Washington State model for ROI but one concern is that WA is very different from PA. By working with Pew-MacArthur we were able to take the 15 programs and enter PA-specific data, mostly around avoiding costs in the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems. The Results First model looks at all of the costs for the different options, puts them into the model, and looks for research that shows proven benefits by implementing these programs. Geoff thanked partners who contributed information.

Roger Spahr, lead at the EPISCenter for this project:

- a) Main goal – establish PA-specific program cost and benefits, looking at limited reach of programs, sustainability barriers, and ongoing limited understanding of economic benefits and return on investment
- b) 3 categories of Results First: PCCD program inventory, benefit-cost analysis, and how to use the results.
- c) Using the results for a summary report finding
  - i) Overall we see a positive ROI for these programs
  - ii) Variations by programs
  - iii) Decisions should not be made solely on the cost benefit
- d) General findings
  - i) Recommend providing incentives for increased use of EBPs
  - ii) Recommend increased funding for scaling low level universal EBPs
  - iii) Recommend increased duration of funding for EBP implementation
  - iv) Recommend extending implementation monitoring and outcome evaluation support beyond the 2-year seed funding to demonstrate ongoing ROI
  - v) Recommend increased funding for researching what works
- e) Responded to questions from participants
  - i) Think about working at both the juvenile and adult level to develop better metrics for this
  - ii) Challenge of quantifying what's working

- f) Full report will be sent out via a link after the meeting, covered the information program by program, includes outcomes and specific recommendations for funders, and for developers on what info is collected, and those implementing it.

\*Please note that the order below differs from that in the Agenda. Commissioner Ward was due in federal court so Chairman Ramsey allowed him to present first via telephone.

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

Committee Chair Mr. William Ward, reviewed information from the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) report, which can be found on page 53 of the Commission meeting materials. While there were no action items to present to the Commission, Mr. Ward highlighted a few key points from the May 1 meeting.

- No action items.
- Committee spent 5 hours in a strategic planning session, after confirming mission statement we reviewed existing goals and target areas in current plan (pretrial assessments, training and technical assistance, data and technology, reentry, evidence-based practices, and researched-based programs), and the committee reviewed key accomplishments for each goal achieved over the past 10 years.
- A new MHJAC strategic plan was developed and will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting on July 31, 2019.

#### V. **Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report**

Mr. Michael Vereb presented the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee report, which begins on page 1 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Vereb highlighted several informational updates from the May 8 meeting before presenting eight action items for the Committee's approval.

- The 2019 CJAB conference was a success, with an overwhelming number in attendance.
- The committee will vote on the updated strategic plan at the August 7 meeting.

##### **Action Items:**

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee has eight action items for the Commission's consideration, as described starting on page 1 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Vereb provided an overview for each of the requests and recommended funding.

##### **JAG Under \$10K Funds**

Action is requested on 42 applications requesting up to \$1,022,277 in federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Under \$10K funds to support local law enforcement efforts.

***Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$1,022,277 in federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Under \$10K funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.***

*Commissioner Vereb 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 Ard, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

**Voting Nay:** None

**Abstaining:** None

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Funds

Action is requested on four applications requesting up to \$230,386 in federal Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement funds to support the quality and timeliness of forensic laboratory services targeting the opioid crisis.

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$230,386 in federal 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 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 Ard, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Evanchick, Michalik

2019 County Jail-Based Vivitrol Program

Action is requested on 16 applications requesting up to \$5,858,800 in County Jail-Based Vivitrol Program funds to support counties seeking to provide Vivitrol injections and comprehensive substance abuse treatment to eligible individuals in county jails and upon release to the community.

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$5,858,800 in a combination of state and federal County Jail-Based Vivitrol funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.**

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. 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 Ard, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Michalik

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds, County Intermediate Punishment Funds, Mental Health Enhancement Funds

Action is requested on one application requesting up to \$471,222 in a combination of federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds, state County Intermediate Punishment funds, and state Mental Health and Enhancement Funds to support the CJAB Technical Assistance and Training initiative.

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$471,222 in federal Justice Assistance Grant funds, state County Intermediate Punishment funds, and state Mental Health Enhancement Funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.**

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. 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 Ard, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

#### Residential Substance Abuse & Treatment (RSAT) Funds

Action is requested on five applications requesting up to \$587,463 in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Funds to support in-house county jail and/or work release center, evidence-based programs that develop an inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to address the substance use and other related issues of the offender.

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$587,463 in federal Residential Substance Abuse and Treatment Funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.**

*Commissioner Vereb 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 Ard, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

#### Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Funds

Action is requested on one application requesting up to \$818,781 in a combination of state SAEDR Category 1 and Category 2 funds to continue the support of the Pennsylvania Opioid Overdose Reduction Technical Assistance Center (TAC), through a grant with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy's Program Evaluation and Research Unit (PERU).

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$818,781 in a combination of state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Category 1 and Category 2 Funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.**

*Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Steele. 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 Ard, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Mulvey

#### Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program Funds

Action is requested on nine applications requesting up to \$1,197,563 in federal Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program funds to support counties in their efforts to engage and retain individuals abusing illicit or prescription opioids in treatment or recovery services; increase the use of diversion; and/or reduce the incidence of overdose death.

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$1,197,563 in federal Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program Funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.**

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Smith. 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 Ard, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Mulvey, Michalik

#### Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Funds

Action is requested on two applications requesting up to \$301,839 in federal Project Safe Neighborhood funds to support the reduction of violent crime with an emphasis on employing a research-driven and strategic problem-solving approach through enforcement, prosecution, deterrence, community engagement, intervention and prevention.

**Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of up to \$301,839 in federal Project Safe Neighborhood Funds contingent upon approval by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the availability of the funds.**

Commissioner Vereb 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 Ard, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

## **VI. Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report**

Committee Chair, Mr. John Delaney, gave the Victims' Services Advisory Committee report, including five informational updates, and three action items, as described starting on page 27 of the Commission meeting materials. He reviewed highlights of the VSAC meeting and informational updates, providing a few comments as follows before moving on to the action items.

- Reviewed progress of efforts supporting a long-term collaborative response addressing the needs of both the individuals and community impacted by the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting
- Development of human trafficking website.
- Updates regarding the Pennsylvania Victim Services Training (PVST) Learning Management System, including certificates, the addition of 7 more courses, and a growing number of participating organizations – now 237 participants.

#### **Action Items:**

Mr. Delaney provided an overview of the funding requests recommended in the three action items for the Commission's consideration, as described starting on page 28 of the Commission meeting materials.

#### Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds

Action is requested to approve 6 applications responding to the “Victims of Crime Act 2019-2021 Competitive 3” funding announcement.

**Staff and the Victims’ Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of six (6) applications submitted for competitive (VOCA) funding not to exceed \$2,768,273, 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 Nichols. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment. Hearing no 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, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Storm

#### Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds

Action is requested to approve 113 applications responding to the “Victims of Crime Act 2019-2020 Non-Competitive Extension” funding announcement.

**Staff and the Victims’ Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of 113 applications submitted for non-competitive (VOCA) funding not to exceed \$36,430,656, 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. Hearing no 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 Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Storm, Lavery, Ard

#### Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds

Action is requested to approve two (2) allocation increases for previously approved “Victims of Crime Act 2019-2021 Non-Competitive” funding announcement.

**Staff and the Victims’ Services Advisory Committee recommend approval of of the allocation increases for two (2) applications submitted for non-competitive (VOCA) funding not to exceed \$104,126, 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 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 and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Ard

## VII. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee Report

Mr. Keith Snyder, Committee Chair, provided the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) report, which begins on page 40 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Snyder provided brief highlights from the JJDP meeting and presented two action items for the Committee's approval.

- Congratulated Mike Pennington on being selected for his award and representing all states at the national level.
- Update on the distribution of the 2019 JJDP Plan to the Governor, noting that copies have been provided to all members of both the Commission and JJDP.
- Discussed current events in the juvenile justice system, received an update on the PA Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy, and were provided with the objectives and included activities from the 2017/18 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding Plan to suggest possible additions for the next submission.

### **Action Items:**

Mr. Snyder provided an overview of the funding requests recommended in the two action items for the Commission's consideration, as described starting on page 40 of the Commission meeting materials.

### State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) Funds

Action is requested on 14 applications seeking up to \$2,060,557 in Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) Funds, designed to offer funding to non-profit organizations to implement a program, expand a program into a new geographic area, or for general support of existing Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliates.

***Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of these 14 applications requesting a combined total of up to \$2,060,557 in VDPP Funds, pending the resolution of any fiscal and/or program concerns.***

*Commissioner Snyder 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 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, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

### State Opioid Misuse Prevention Programs (OMPP) Funds

Action is requested on one application from Family Services of NW PA (Erie County) for up to \$262,642 in Opioid Misuse Prevention Program (OMPP) Funds.

**Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of this application from Family Services of NW PA for up to \$262,642 in OMPP Funds, pending the resolution of any fiscal and/or program concerns.**

Commissioner Snyder made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Steele/Smith. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment. Hearing no 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, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

### VIII. 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 54 of the Commission meeting materials. Chairman Heckler noted that the Committee convened on May 7, 2019 and briefly shared a few highlights before presenting their one action item for the Commission's consideration.

- Conducted annual planning session for both CAC funding and Endowment Act funding.
- For Act 28 birth certificate funds, identified \$2.5M for NCA member CACs and one developing CAC. Funding announcements will be released shortly.
- Endowment Act- Agreed to release up to \$500K to support CACs and victim service providers providing services to child victims of sexual abuse. We also agreed to release up to \$200K for training of doctors, therapists, and other professionals who treat victims of child sexual abuse.
- Looking at budgeting and being appropriately frugal with a finite amount of funds.

#### Action Item:

Chairman Heckler provided an overview of the funding request recommended in the action items for the Commission's consideration, as described starting on page 54 of the Commission meeting materials.

#### State Endowment Act Funds

Action is requested on 14 applications for up to \$1,177,167 in state Endowment Act funds. These funds are designed to provide funding to support programs or projects assisting the victims of child sexual abuse.

**Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of these 14 applications requesting a total of \$1,177,167 in state Endowment Act funding, pending the resolution....**

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

A question about the stated goal of having a CAC within 2-hour drive of every child in Pennsylvania. How close are we to that goal? Kirsten Kenyon answered that there is a drive-time map on our website. Our goal is to have a CAC within a 1-hour drive of every child and right now we are within 96% of all populated areas in an hour drive to a CAC.

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, Bergstrom, Casteel, Deery (Hughes), Delaney, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Gally, Heckler, McGinley, Michalik, Mulvey, Nichols, Roberts, Schreiber, Smith, Snyder, Steel, Stevens (Delozier), Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Volkman (Rivera), Wallace, and Ward.

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Evanchick, Lavery

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

Chairman Ramsey stated 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**

Derin Myers presented one update – CETB determined not to pay for the continuing education firearm training anymore. We are getting some data back and so far, 33 have not passed the recertification. Historically, we would have supported additional training, but now it is on the constables to prepare themselves for passing the recertification training. Voiced concern about losing some authority with the courts (i.e. prisoner transfer), can come back in a year and be retested/recertified. What is the failure rate? Derin said he can get that data.

Who polices revocations/loss of ability to carry gun? There's not a policing body to check that; Chairman Heckler – Constables are a rare body, are self-employed, paid by fees, it's a question of them being unable to do certain things; no one wants to take responsibility for them, so it's an interesting challenge.

The Board is looking at financial issues – currently going through a review of all the constables, looking at who does what, looking at training just those who work for the judiciary not all the constables to exhaust every opportunity to make the best use of the funds they have.

**XI. Other Business**

Chairman Ramsey invited anyone with other business to bring before the Commission to share. Hearing none, he moved on to the next item in the agenda.

**XII. Public Voice**

Chairman Ramsey invited anyone from the public to address the Commission. When no one spoke, he concluded the agenda. Any comments to bring before the Commission.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Ramsey noted that the next Commission Meeting is slated for September 11, 2019, and that the quarterly meetings and other events are listed on the agenda.

*Commissioner Vereb made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by multiple Commissioner. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 11:16 AM.*