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PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

PCCD BUILDING

3101 NORTH FRONT STREET

HARRISBURG, PA

December 11, 2013

Before: Mark R Zimmer, Chairman
Tomas Aguilar, Commissioner
James E. Anderson, Commissioner
Mark H. Bergstrom, Commissioner
Philip Damiani, Commissioner
Thomas Darr, for Honorable Zygmunt Pines,
Commissioner
John P. Delaney, Jr., Esq., Commissioner
Peg Dierkers, Commissioner
Michael A. Fiore, Commissioner (attended via
conference call)
Jack Godlesky, Commissioner
Linda Dale Hoffa, for Honorable Kathleen Kane,
Commissioner
Chief Thomas R. King, Commissioner
Sheriff Bob Kolar, Commissioner
Dennis Marion, for Honorable Beverly D. Mackereth
Honorable Edward M. Marsico, Jr., Commissioner
Edward P. Mulvey, Ph.D., Commissioner
Honorable Michael Potteiger, Commissioner
Honorable Mike Regan, Commissioner
Therese Louise Rocco, Commissioner
Ronald E. Sharp, Commissioner
Jennifer Storm, Commissioner
Honorable Gary Tennis, Commissioner
James E. Turner, Commissioner
Honorable John A. Zottola, Commissioner

Guests

Chris Braun
Dale Hamby
Carol Lavery
Mike Mastroianni
Steve Turner
Cathy Utz

Staff

Linda Rosenberg, Executive Director
Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration
John Frain, Director, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Robert Merwine, Director, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements
Mary Taylor, Chief Counsel
Bob Ardner
Kathy Buckley
Megan Castor
Tom D'Annunzio
Chris Epoca
Staci Fehr
Karri Hull
John Pfau
Luanne Melia
Robert Orth
Natalie Novotny-Goles
Lynn Shiner
Jackie Weaknecht
Danielle Wilbert

Chairman Zimmer called the December 11, 2013 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:04 a.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance and dedication, noting that 2013 was a productive year for PCCD. The first order of business was to review the Minutes from the September 11, 2013 Meeting. Commissioner Delaney noted that he left the September 11 meeting early, but the minutes reflect he voted on action items that he was not present for. Commissioner Delaney asked that the minutes be amended by deleting his name from all the votes between pages 8 and 15. *A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Commissioner Damiani. Commissioner Darr seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

The next item on the agenda was the Chairman's Report. Chairman Zimmer said that with the end of 2013 there are several departures and additions to acknowledge. First, Commissioner Sharp will be retiring and this is his last Commission meeting. On behalf of the Commission, Chairman Zimmer thanked Commissioner Sharp and presented him with an award in honor of his years of service with the Commission. Next, Chairman Zimmer thanked Commissioner Lavery for her service as Victim Advocate as well as her years with the Victims Service Advisory Committee (VSAC) and the Commission and presented her with an award. Chairman Zimmer said there will also be changes in PCCD's legal office in 2014. After over 35 years of state service PCCD Chief Counsel, Mary Woolley Taylor, is retiring at the end of January. The criminal justice system in Pennsylvania would be far poorer today were it not for the efforts of Ms. Taylor. Chairman Zimmer presented an award to Ms. Taylor and thanked her on behalf of the Commission. Megan Castor, also with the PCCD legal department, will be transferring to the Department of State to work as a prosecutor in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. Steve Turner will be returning to PCCD as Chief Legal Counsel at the end of January. Mr. Turner is currently Chief Counsel at the Department of State. Chairman Zimmer was proud to report that long-time Commission member Jennifer Storm has been appointed as the Pennsylvania Victim Advocate. Finally, Commissioner King introduced Mike Mastroianni, who was recently named Acting Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA).

Chairman Zimmer congratulated Commissioner Zottola who was awarded the Louis J. Presenza Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Drug Court Conference in State College. Commissioner Anderson offered an update on the annual Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) Conference held in November at which Commissioner Sharp was awarded the Judge Fred P. Anthony Award for his contributions to the Pennsylvania Juvenile Justice System.

Commissioner Potteiger shared a Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP) status report on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). In the first year, focus was placed on releasing individuals with positive Board actions from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) earlier. In the second stage, pre-release went back to the DOC institutions, resulting in a drop in the number of hard-to-place pre-release offenders without compromise to public safety. The final stage of JRI involves PBPP continuing to work with the Council for State Governments on non-residential service contracts which will be utilized beginning January 2014.

Chairman Zimmer said the Second Annual Penn State Conference on Child Maltreatment was held on September 25, 2013 in State College. PCCD co-sponsored the conference with Penn State and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW). There were 225 participants representing 56

counties and the conference was very well received. At the conference, Chairman Zimmer announced that funding would be made available to support the implementation of Multidisciplinary Teams (MDITs). PCCD, DPW and the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association are working together to finalize the funding announcement which is expected to be released in February. Many of the conference attendees have since reached out to their legislators to discuss the need for funding in this area.

Ms. Taylor provided a child abuse legislative update. Nine bills, which were introduced as a result of the recommendations of the child protection taskforce, are on the verge of concurrence in the house or senate, and Ms. Taylor was hopeful that the Governor would sign all nine into law the following week. The most important of these is a new definition of what constitutes child abuse in Pennsylvania. Ms. Taylor also hoped the dozen or so other bills in the General Assembly would make it to the Governor's desk as well, including funding for the Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) and MDITs. Commissioner Dierkers noted that the role of community victims' service is viewed differently between the standards for MDITs and the standards for CACs. Chairman Zimmer said that both experience and data show that MDITs work best in conjunction with CACs that included victims' services involvement, although the specific standards and rules are down the road a bit. Commissioner Marsico felt the biggest challenge is to create CACs in areas of the state where they do not currently exist and to provide a dedicated funding source for their development and maintenance. Many details need to be hammered out, and while there is no one way to implement CACs, it is imperative to incorporate victims' services in some fashion. Commissioner Dierkers noted that the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) and VSAC both support the development of CACs, which are governed by national standards. However there is inconsistency regarding how well those standards are implemented. VSAC recently adopted a set of principles for the expansion of CACs, which they recommended to the Commission.

Next, Chairman Zimmer gave an update on the 2013-2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Funding Plan. In 2012, \$5.8 million was released under the JAG funding announcement, but only \$2.8 million is available in 2013 so the Committee of the Chairs struggled with the plan for this year. Ultimately, the Committee of the Chairs unanimously agreed on a JAG plan that stresses the importance of collaborative planning and in fostering relationships with local groups whose objectives support the Commission's strategic plan. Second year funding will only be considered after project impact is demonstrated and will be awarded at a maximum of 70 percent of the year one award. Annual project carve-outs in the amount of \$2.9 million are included in the plan. The Commission was requested to take action on the 2013-2014 JAG Local Funding Plan that includes the release of \$4,800,000 through a competitive funding announcement that aligns with the Commission's overall strategic plan and \$2,900,000 for annual projects. Staff and the Committee of the Chairs recommended approval of this plan. *Commissioner Sharp made a motion to approve the JAG funding plan and Commissioner Turner seconded the motion.* Commissioner Storm asked if it would be possible to share the Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) technical support carve-out with the Local Policy Boards (LPBs) to help them with their capacity-building, specifically by adding the LPBs to the portfolios of the CJAB Regional Representatives as they work in the field. Ms. Rosenberg said they would look into that possibility. *With no further discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

Lynn Shiner discussed the Pennsylvania Crime Victims Victim Advocate and Available Services document which was recently compiled by the Office of Victims' Services (OVS). Chairman Zimmer thanked Ms. Shiner and her staff for all the hard work that went into putting this document together. Ms. Shiner said a collaborative approach was taken in determining the most critical information to include in the document which is intended to be placed in crime victims' hands by law enforcement officers. The relevant rights and services, specifically the rights of domestic violence victims, confidentiality, victims' compensation, offender release and court notifications, and information on how to connect with local service providers are all included on the document, which is available in both Spanish and English. Commissioner Tennis asked if it would be possible to add a reference to the county drug and alcohol offices in case anyone is interested in seeking services. Ms. Shiner said they could do that and also suggested that OVS could work with Commissioner Tennis to add that as a resource to the www.pacrimevictims.com website.

Finally, Chairman Zimmer announced the 2014 Commission meeting dates. The Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 12, Wednesday, June 11, Wednesday, September 10 and Wednesday, December 10, 2014. Chairman Zimmer asked everyone to mark these dates on their calendars.

Next on the agenda was the Executive Director's Report. Ms. Rosenberg offered an update on federal funding. Following the government shutdown, part of the deal to reopen the federal government included the establishment of a committee to develop funding categories and caps for the federal budget. If that committee would be unable to reach a resolution, the government will shut down again on January 15, 2014. Some progress has been made in the form of a funding deal which will raise the cap on the federal budget by \$65 billion, some of which will be applied to the sequestration cuts. Details still need to be worked out, and the deal will be for only two years. PCCD does not have any information on what the Commerce Justice Committee's final appropriation will look like. This is the Congressional Appropriations Committee which establishes the funding limits for the Department of Justice (DOJ). Ms. Rosenberg said there is concern that DOJ has to maintain their own internal operations, such as the FBI, the ATF, and the marshal services. PCCD is optimistic that funding will be level. The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) has done a terrific job on educating Congress about the benefits of JAG and how it impacts public safety. There are strong recommendations that the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) change their performance measurement requirements, which PCCD supports. Ms. Rosenberg said PCCD is fairly well positioned and will be part of a focus group to help BJA in that area.

PCCD, along with several other agencies, will present their state budgets to the Governor the week following the meeting. PCCD has a good story to tell and is able to support its appropriations by showing what the outcomes and benefits will be for the Commonwealth. PCCD is requesting \$3.4 million in

General Government Operations (GGO), \$18.1 million in Intermediate Punishment (IP) funds, \$5.7 million in Violence Prevention Program (VPP) funding inclusive of funds from the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JJRI), \$1.3 million in Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) funding and \$384,000 for the Safe School Advocate in Philadelphia. Robert Orth has been working on Restrictive Intermediate Punishment (RIP) and IP as well as looking at PCCD's violence prevention programs to synthesize the program outcomes to be presented at the meeting.

In February 2011, the Auditor General initiated a special audit of some of PCCD's programs, particularly the deputy sheriffs and constables program and victims' services. The process took a year. The findings were released in October 2014 and PCCD was very pleased with them. The findings cited \$7,398 in undocumented expenses out of \$105 million worth of programs that were audited. Several recommendations were made concerning better monitoring and performance outcome documentation of PCCD's victims' services programs, but staff had already implemented the recommendations prior to the report's release. Ms. Rosenberg told the Commission that PCCD was invited to an at-risk youth caucus held on November 20 and led by Senator Greenleaf and Representative Curtis Thomas. There was so much discussion that PCCD was unable to finish their presentation and was invited back in January to further discuss programs and offer policy recommendations. It was a terrific opportunity to discuss and promote PCCD programs. On another note, Ms. Rosenberg said PCCD was found to be in total compliance by the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) which is very important and not easily achieved. Recently, the Government Affairs Specialist from NCJA met with Ms. Rosenberg, Derin Myers and federal OJJDP Director Bob Listenbee to discuss the relationship between the State Administrating Agencies' (SAAs) and OJJDP, which historically has not been good. Ms. Rosenberg said it was a great meeting and she was very hopeful for the future. Additionally, PCCD, PBPP and DOC were recently invited to a meeting in Philadelphia with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder who came to Pennsylvania to see Philadelphia's Re-Entry Court and the Philadelphia Re-entry Coalition which was developed with PCCD JAG dollars. Ms. Rosenberg then updated the Commission on PREA, the Prison Rape Elimination Act signed into law by President Bush in 2003, which requires all institutions to develop and implement standards to bring them into compliance. The Governor of each state needs to sign off that all institutions under their state's control meet PREA compliance. PCCD would take about a \$600,000 hit if the Governor believed the state was not under compliance, but Secretary Wetzel has a group in place working on the issue.

Ms. Rosenberg gave an update on PCCD's technology. The web-based Egrants system continues to be updated, and many other states are interested in using the system. The Dependable Access for Victimization Expenses (DAVE) system has been rewritten and enhanced to streamline processes and will go live at the beginning of January. PCCD continues to work on the dashboard system. Finally, Ms. Rosenberg announced that the PCCD website would be redone soon. The work was delayed due to Office of Administration contractor issues.

Commissioner Tennis commented that he does a fair amount of work in Washington, D.C., and that folks from NCJA think the world of Ms. Rosenberg and PCCD is seen as one of the premier criminal justice agencies of its kind in the nation.

Next on the agenda was the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) Report. Commissioner Zottola said MHJAC participated in two important conferences since the last Commission meeting. The first was the Rehabilitation Community Providers Association (RCPA) Conference in Seven Springs held October 8-11, which had over 800 attendees. RCPA is a newly formed association resulting from the merger between the Pennsylvania Community Providers Association and the Pennsylvania Association of Rehabilitation Facilities. On November 11-13, MHJAC partnered with the Housing Alliance to sponsor the Homes Within Reach Conference at the Harrisburg Hilton.

In the first MHJAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one initial application requesting a total of \$499,994 in JAG and Mental Health funds. This application was recommended for approval by staff and MHJAC. *Commissioner Zottola made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Bergstrom seconded the motion.*

- Drexel University, “Center for Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Programs” – 2011/2012-JG/MH-03/ST-24923 (\$374,994 JAG funds / \$125,000 MH funds)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Mulvey

In the second MHJAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one continuation application requesting a total of \$74,012 in JAG funds. This application was recommended for approval by staff and MHJAC. *Commissioner Zottola made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Tennis seconded the motion.*

- Elk County Commissioners, “CRAFT Project” – 21838-3 (\$74,012)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

The next item on the agenda was the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) Report. Commissioner Sharp said that in 17 years the OJJDP has never once been out of compliance in the annual federal audits. Commissioner Sharp attributes this accomplishment to the quality of work being done by staff. Commissioner Sharp noted a change in the number of schools involved in the PAYS survey from when the meeting packet was prepared. There are now 350, or 70%, of the 499 school districts in the Commonwealth, as well as 74 private, parochial, charter and cyber schools involved. In the first JJDP action item the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one application requesting a total of \$130,474 in federal JAG funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and the JJDP. *Commissioner Sharp made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Kolar seconded the motion.*

- Shippensburg University / CJJT&R, “BARJ System Enhancement Training Initiative” – 2011-JG-02-24971 (\$130,474)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Anderson

In the second JJDP action item the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of two applications requesting a combined total of \$485,315 in federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and the JJDP. *Commissioner Sharp made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Rocco seconded the motion.*

- Shippensburg University / CJJT&R, “Secure Detention Monitoring Project” – 2013-J-01-24946 (\$335,320)
- Pennsylvania Council of Chief Juvenile Probation Officers, “PCCJPO JJSES Support Project” – 2013-J-03/04-24951 (\$149,995)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Anderson

In the final JJDPC action item the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one initial application requesting a total of \$49,994 in state Violence Prevention Program (VPP) funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and the JJDPC. *Commissioner Sharp made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.*

- Vanderbilt University, “JJSES: Technical Assistance for SPEP Project” – 13/14-VP-ST-24968 (\$49,994)

Commissioner Delaney said he was struck by the Philadelphia violence statistics that he recently received. Through November 30, 2013, 75 people under the age of 18 were shot in Philadelphia. Commissioner Delaney commented on it to the JJDPC so they could determine what, if anything, they and the Commission could do to bring that number down to zero.

Commissioner Sharp thanked Chairman Zimmer and Ms. Rosenberg for their extraordinary leadership and support over the years.

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

The next item on the agenda was the Victims’ Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) Report. Commissioner Delaney said the text message capabilities of the Pennsylvania Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Service went live the morning of the meeting. Commissioner Delaney strongly encouraged anyone interested to read, “Stabbed in the Heart: Three Murdered Children Two Resilient Mothers” by Lynn Shiner and Nancy Chavez available online only at www.rjdblessings.com.

The Commission was requested to take action on the approval of 31 continuation applications not to exceed \$3,783,138 for the second year of funding under the 2013-2015 STOP Violence Against Women Grant program. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of these continuation applications. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the grants and Commissioner Dierkers seconded the motion.*

- Adams County Commissioners, “STOP Violence Against Women” - 2013-VA-01/02/03-23837-2 (\$125,000)

- Allegheny County Chief Executive Officer, “Allegheny County STOP Violence Against Women” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23855-2 (\$125,000)
- Armstrong County, “Armstrong County STOP VAWA Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23816-2 (\$125,000)
- Women’s Center of Beaver County, “Beaver County STOP Grant Advocacy Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23811-2 (\$125,000)
- Your “Safe Haven” Inc., “STOP Violence Against Women” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23803-2 (\$125,000)
- Berks County Women In Crisis, “Coordinated Community Response to DV/SV/Stalking” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23805-2 (\$125,000)
- Network of Victim Assistance, “STOP Violence Against Women in Bucks County” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23848-2 (\$125,000)
- Victim Outreach Intervention Center, Inc., “STOP Violence Against Women in Butler County” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23853-2 (\$125,000)
- Women’s Help Center Inc., “Cambria County Stop Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23857-2 (\$125,000)
- Centre County Commissioners, “STOP Violence Against Women Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23799-2 (\$125,000)
- Chester County Commissioners, “Chester County STOP VAWA Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23798-2 (\$125,000)
- Clinton County Women’s Center, Inc., “Services Coordination Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23796-2 (\$100,000)
- Crawford County Commissioners, “Crawford County STOP Abuse Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23793-2 (\$125,000)
- Cumberland County Commissioners, “Cumberland County STOP Grant” – 2013-VA-01/02/03- 23820-2 (\$125,000)
- Dauphin County, “Dauphin County Collaborative STOP Initiative” - 2013-VA-01/02/03-23831-2 (\$125,000)
- Delaware County Executive Director, “VAWA Project 2013-2015” - 2013-VA-01/02/03-23809-2 (\$125,000)
- Community Resources of Fayette County, Inc., “Fayette County STOP Grant” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23829-2 (\$125,000)
- Franklin County Commissioners, “STOP Franklin” - 2013-VA-01/02/03-23825-2 (\$125,000)
- Women In Need, “STOP Fulton” - 2013-VA-01/02/03-23814-2 (\$110,000)
- Lancaster County Commissioners, “STOP Violence Against Women Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23818-2 (\$125,000)
- Lehigh County Chief Executive Officer, “STOP Violence Against Women” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23792-2 (\$125,000)
- Luzerne County Chief Executive Officer, “Luzerne County STOP Project 2013” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23862-2 (\$125,000)
- AWARE Inc., “Mercer County STOP Project 2013-2015” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23797-2 (\$125,000)
- The Abuse Network Inc., “Mifflin County DART” - 2013-VA-01/02/03-23849-2 (\$77,750)

- Women’s Center of Montgomery County, “Montgomery County STOP Grant Services Coordination” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23863-2 (\$125,000)
- Susquehanna Valley Women In Transition, “Snyder County STOP Violence Against Women 2013-2015” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23807-2 (\$125,000)
- Venango County Commissioners, “Continue Community Response to STOP Violence Again” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23819-2 (\$125,000)
- Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania, “Washington County STOP Grant Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23834-2 (\$125,000)
- Wayne County, “Wayne County STOP Project” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23808-2 (\$125,000)
- Westmoreland County Commissioners, “Total Response” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23846-2 (\$125,000)
- Victims Resource Center, “STOP Violence Against Women – Wyoming County” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23801-2 (\$120,388)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, Marion, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner King, Kolar, Marsico

The second VSAC action item requested the Commission to take action on the approval of three targeted continuation applications (second year of a three-year project) not to exceed \$421,333 for the 2014 STOP Training and Technical Assistance Initiative in Federal STOP Grant funds. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of these continuation applications. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the grants and Commissioner Marsico seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, “STOP Training and Technical Assistance Initiative” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23860-2 (\$224,000)
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, “PCAR’s Training and Technical Assistance Grant for 2014” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23858-2 (\$164,000)
- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, “STOP Online Training” – 2013-VA-01/02/03-23861-2 (\$33,333)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Dierkers, King

In the third VSAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one initial application not to exceed \$112,308 in state Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Funding (SAEDRF). Staff and VSAC recommended approval of this application. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the application and Commissioner Tennis seconded the motion.*

- Treatment Trends, Inc., “Building Capacity in Trauma-Informed Care” – 2011-SE-01-24796 (\$112,308)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

In the fourth VSAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one initial application not to exceed \$170,000 in federal JAG, state Rights and Services Act and Victims’ Compensation funds. Staff and VSAC recommended approval of this application. *Commissioner Delaney made a motion to approve the grant and Commissioner Storm seconded it.*

- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute, “PDAI Victim Witness Training Project 2014” – 2011/2013/2014-JG/VC/VS-07/ST-24911 (\$129,900 JAG / \$20,600 VC / \$19,500 RASA)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Marsico

The final VSAC action item requested the Commission to take action on the approval of one initial application not to exceed \$536,041 in JAG, VOCA and Victims’ Compensation funds. Staff and VSAC

recommended approval of this application. *Commission Delaney made a motion to approve the grant application and Commissioner Anderson seconded it.*

- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, “VCAP Support” – 2011/2013-JG-VF-VC-07/01/ST-24917 (\$178,963 JAG / \$357,078 VOCA)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner King

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) Report was next on the agenda. Commissioner Damiani highlighted the 2013 CJAB Conference which was hosted by PCCD in State College, October 28-30. The 26 sessions held brought together the whole spectrum of the criminal justice system which is really reflective of what CJABs are about. Commissioner Damiani thanked everyone who helped make the conference such a success.

The first CJAC action item requested the Commission to take action on the approval of seven initial and eight continuation applications totaling \$1,777,495 in JAG funds. These applications were recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the grant applications and Commissioner Marion seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, “Law Enforcement Accreditation”- 2012-JG-01-24918 (\$249,000)
- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, “Offender Identification Support” – 2012-JG-01-24920 (\$75,000)
- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, “PAVTN Support” – 2012-JG-01-24921 (\$350,000)
- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute, “Training Initiatives-PDAI (2013/14)” – 2011/2012-JG-06-24916 (\$390,000)
- Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, “Sentencing and Technical Assistance and Training” – 2012-JG-03-24925 (\$170,000)
- Public Defenders Association of Pennsylvania, “Public Defender Training Program” – 2012-JG-02-24929 (\$60,000)
- Pennsylvania State Police, “PSP CCHRI Separate Arrest and Disposition Charges” – 2012-JG-02-24943 (\$230,185)
- Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department, “Regional Police Department Salary Grant” – 2012-JG-01-22710-3 (\$19,650)
- Lebanon County Commissioners, “Lebanon County DUI Problem Solving Court Program” –

2012-JG-02-22693-3 (\$40,877)

- York County Commissioners, “York County DUI Court Expansion” – 2012-JG-04-22703-3 (\$48,702)
- Franklin County Commissioners, “Franklin County CJAB Initiatives Grant” – 2012-JG-04-21776-3 (\$50,000)
- Westmoreland County Commissioners, “Adult Probation Case Management System Project” – 2012-JG-04-21850-3 (\$25,441)
- Franklin County Commissioners, “Franklin County Security Technology” – 2012-JG-04-22715-3 (\$20,298)
- Pike County Commissioners, “Advancing Information Data Systems” – 2012-JG-04-22741-3 (\$10,327)
- Cambria County Commissioners, “Cambria County Day Reporting Center” – 2012-JG-04-22594-2 (\$38,015)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, Marion, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Bergstrom, King, Kolar, Marsico

In the second CJAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one initial application totaling \$403,542 in JAG and IP funds. This request was recommended by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the application and Commissioner Turner seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, “CJAB Technical Assistance” – 2012/2013/2014-JG/IP-04/SD-24937 (\$263,542 JAG / \$140,000 IP)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Bergstrom

In the next action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one initial application totaling \$376,253 in VN, JAG and GGO funds. This request has been recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *Commissioner Damiani made a motion to approve the application and Commissioner Storm seconded the motion.*

- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute, “PA SAVIN Maintenance (2014)” – 2010/2012/2013-VN/JG/GO-01/06/ST-24949 (\$33,881 VN / \$126,372 JAG / \$216,000 GGO)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Marsico

In the final CJAC action item, the Commission was requested to take action on the approval of one augmentation request totaling \$32,527 in federal SAVIN funds. This request was recommended for approval by staff and CJAC. *A motion was made to approve the augmentation request by Commissioner Damiani and seconded by Commissioner Delaney.*

- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute, “PA SAVIN Maintenance (2013)” – 2010/2012-VN/GO-01/ST-23999 (\$32,527)

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

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer, Commissioner Marsico

Bob Merwine gave a presentation of the Fingerprint Dashboard which was developed as a result of the work of the Fingerprint Compliance Workgroup established in 2005. The slides from the presentation are available on the website. In 2006 the fingerprint compliance rate was at 66 percent and the Workgroup was established to determine and resolve the causes behind the low rate. The rate rose as high as 88 percent before dipping back down a bit. The Compliance Workgroup found that policies and leadership at the local level are the main drivers to fingerprint capture, and the Fingerprint Dashboard is the latest effort in outreach and education to counties and local law enforcement. The anticipated launch date for

the Fingerprint Dashboard is January 14, 2014. Mr. Merwine added that the current Dashboard does not include data from Philadelphia because of the way they manage their process or from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) because they did not grant permission to share it. However, Philadelphia is at nearly 100 percent compliance. There is no plan currently in place to add that data to the Dashboard. Ms. Rosenberg said the Fingerprint Dashboard will be made available on a public website. Commissioner Dierkers said fingerprint compliance is a public safety issue and offered any assistance the coalition can provide. Commissioner King noted the importance of making this information public and suggested involving Court Administrator offices, in addition to local law enforcement, in the process. Commissioner Aguilar felt the compliance rate was still not high enough, and asked if a system like Philadelphia's could be put in place statewide to raise the numbers. Commissioner Delaney said that Philadelphia does not prosecute anyone by virtue of a summons, so no case starts before arrest at which time fingerprints are taken. Not every county can do that. Commissioner King said the statewide number could be significantly higher if the Philadelphia numbers were included in the average, but the state's true compliance rate was really unknown. Commissioner Storm asked if there are any sanctions or encouragement in place for non-compliance. Mr. Merwine responded that to date, the information has been used to assist in funding decisions such as where additional equipment was necessary, but has not been used to penalize jurisdictions. Ms. Rosenberg said PCCD gives very little money directly to local law enforcement, so sanctions would likely have little impact. Commissioner King encouraged PCCD to give local municipalities some time before punitive actions are taken since this is the first time they will see this data. Technical assistance should be offered to help the municipalities rather than penalizing them, at least at the onset.

Next on the agenda was the report from the Bureau of Training Services. John Pfau directed the Commission's attention to the Bureau of Training Services' action item. The Commission was requested to take action on the Act 233 stipend training fund for Training Year 2013. The Constables' Education Training Board and staff recommended that no stipend be provided to constables and deputy constables for training year 2013 due to the trends and status of the Constables' Education and Training Account (CETA). *Commissioner Damiani made a motion that no stipend should be provided and Commissioner Dierkers seconded the motion. With no discussion on the motion, Chairman Zimmer called for a vote. The motion carried with the Commissioners voting as noted:*

Voting Aye: Commissioner Aguilar, Anderson, Bergstrom, Damiani, Darr, Delaney, Dierkers, Fiore, Godlesky, Hoffa, King, Kolar, Marion, Marsico, Mulvey, Potteiger, Regan, Rocco, Sharp, Storm, Tennis, Turner, Zottola

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Chairman Zimmer

Chairman Zimmer asked if there was any Other Business. None was offered.

Chairman Zimmer asked if there was anyone present at the meeting who wanted to make a public comment during the Public Voice portion of the meeting. No one stepped forward to exercise their rights under the Sunshine Law.

Commissioner Storm made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner King. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting concluded at 12:13 p.m.