

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

June 12, 2024 Commission Meeting
MINUTES

Before: Vice Chairwoman Jennifer Lopez-Cerrato
Honorable John T. Adams, Commissioner
Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark, Commissioner
Mr. Tarik Casteel, Commissioner
Ms. Adara Combs, Commissioner
Honorable James Custer, Commissioner
Dr. Latika Davis-Jones, Commissioner
Mr. Michael Deery, Designee for Honorable Vincent Hughes
Honorable Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Commissioner
Mr. Andrew Dudziak, Designee for Honorable Sheryl Delozier
Ms. Suzanne V. Estrella, Commissioner
Dr. Laurel Harry, Commissioner
Mr. David Heckler, Commissioner
Mr. Joseph Hill, Commissioner
Dr. Matthew Kleiman, Commissioner
Mr. Eric Kratz, Designee for Honorable Devlin J. Robinson
Honorable Christopher P. Mallios, Jr., Commissioner
Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Commissioner
Commissioner Michael Muldrow, Commissioner
Ms. Melissa Myers, Designee for Dr. Debra L. Bogen
Colonel Christopher L. Paris, Commissioner
Honorable Russell D. Shurtleff, Commissioner
Mr. Robert Tomassini, Commissioner
Mr. Terrance Trego, Designee for Senator Scott Martin
Mr. James E. Turner, Commissioner
Ms. Phoenicia Wallace, Commissioner
Ms. Marla Werner, Commissioner

Guests: Ms. Kate Cacciamani
Ms. Heather Arias
Mr. Bradley Keen
Dr. Scott Kuren
Mr. Michael Pipe
Ms. Vicki Wilken
Mr. Steven Williams

Staff: Michael Pennington, Executive Director
Sally Barry, Director, Office of Justice Programs
Kathleen Buckley, Director, Office of Victims' Services
Alison Gantz, Director of Communications
Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development
Samantha Koch, Director of Policy & Planning
Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration
Debra Sandifer, Chief Counsel
Stacie Brendlinger
Kathy Clarke
Christina Cosgrove-Rooks
Jennifer Ely
Christopher Epoca
Heather Hewitt
Rebecca Kiehl
Geoffrey Kolchin
Crystal Lauver
Michael Leister
Jordan Lewis
John Pfau
Jennie Seigler
Rebecca Szczypta
Jacqueline Weaknecht
Gregory Young

I. Call to Order

The June 12, 2024 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice Chairwoman Jennifer Lopez-Cerrato. Roll call was requested. She informed members that the meeting was being recorded, to which there were no objections.

II. Chairman's Report

Vice Chairwoman Jennifer Lopez-Cerrato

- The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Mallios. **Seconded:** Turner. **Abstentions:** None
Aye Votes: 23 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

- Vice Chairwoman Lopez-Cerrato recognized two members who have recently resigned from the Commission, Dr. Ed Mulvey and Warden Kevin Sutter. Commissioner Mulvey served on the Commission since 2009. He also served as a member of the JJDPC. Commissioner Sutter has served since 2019.

III. Executive Director's Report

Michael Pennington, Executive Director

Executive Director Pennington reiterated his thanks and appreciation to members of the Commission and to the dedicated staff at PCCD for all of their extraordinary work and commitment.

He noted accomplishments and progress made in a number of areas:

- PCCD received \$7.5 million to support a new Indigent Defense Grant Program – a first for Pennsylvania – and launched a new Indigent Defense Advisory Committee to oversee these historic efforts.
- We awarded funding to provide critical supports for victims and survivors of crime and violence, and elevated the need for greater resources at both the federal and state levels to support essential resources like the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding and Pennsylvania’s Victims’ Compensation Assistance Program.
- We developed and adopted a new statewide plan for using federal Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program funds for gun violence prevention, crisis intervention, and public safety initiatives. Pennsylvania was one of the first states in the country to have its Funding Plan completed and approved by the U.S. Department of Justice, and we have completed the process for issuing solicitations and/or awards for all of the initiatives outlined in that inaugural plan.
- We launched a new Resources for Gun Violence Victims initiative, spearheaded by the Victims’ Services Advisory Committee, and recently invested another \$40 million in state Violence Intervention and Prevention Grants to 64 organizations working to prevent and reduce community violence across Pennsylvania, bringing our collective investments through this program to \$190 million since 2021. We also continued to support high-quality technical assistance and training through the PA Peace Alliance, which served more than 240 community-based groups in its first year.
- The School Safety and Security Committee approved \$155 million to bolster school safety and security and student mental health. PCCD staff in the School Safety unit and our Fiscal staff deserve a round of applause for their tremendous efforts to process thousands of applications over the course of several weeks this spring.
- We continue to provide high quality training for our Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff and Constables training programs.
- PCCD awarded more than \$1 million in First Chance Trust Fund Scholarship awards to six organizations to support at-risk students in Pennsylvania as they pursue higher education and career goals.
- We elevated the work of youth-serving organizations like our Youth Justice Advisory Boards, and finalized a new roadmap for improving Pennsylvania’s juvenile justice system through our 2023 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Plan to the Governor.
- We provided millions of dollars to support law enforcement recruitment and technology enhancements, helping to ensure police have the tools they need to keep our communities safe.
- We worked with partners at the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to support new and expanded initiatives through federal State Opioid Response dollars to help address Pennsylvania’s evolving opioid epidemic and provide critical, lifesaving resources and services for justice-involved individuals and others struggling with addiction.
- We drove out \$5 million to 93 nonprofit organizations to combat hate crimes by protecting the safety and security of visitors to their facilities in our 6th Nonprofit Security Grant Program. It is estimated that approximately 4 million people across the Commonwealth have been impacted by this funding.

- We hosted conferences and convenings to connect victims' services professionals, justice practitioners, behavioral health professionals, and others through our STOP Violence Against Women Conference, Pathways Conference, and CJAB Conference, reaching an estimated 1,000 participants.

IV. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report

Mr. James Turner

Ms. Sally Barry

- Committee Chair James Turner provided the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) report, which begins on page 1 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Turner provided brief highlights from the CJAC meeting, held on May 8, 2024, and presented four action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: Federal Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements Funds

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of four applications requesting a total not to exceed \$832,346 in federal Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvements funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Turner. **Seconded:** Michalik. **Abstentions:** Adams.

Aye Votes: 25 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal Project Safe Neighborhoods Funds

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting a total not to exceed \$246,301 in federal PSN - Eastern District funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Turner. **Seconded:** Clark. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Funds

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of three applications requesting a total not to exceed \$747,388 in state adult focused SAEDR funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Turner. **Seconded:** Shurtleff. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Local Law Enforcement Support Grant Program

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of the Philadelphia City Treasurer's project modification request for a scope change to their original project, pending the resolution of outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Turner. **Seconded:** Combs. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

V. Indigent Defense Advisory Committee Report

Ms. Kate Cacciamani

Dr. Jordan Lewis

- Committee Vice Chair Kate Cacciamani provided the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee (IDAC) report, which begins on page 13 of the Commission meeting materials. Ms. Cacciamani provided brief highlights from the IDAC meetings held on April 23 and June 5, 2024, and presented two action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: State FY 2023-24 Indigent Defense Grant Funds

Staff and the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee are recommending approval of 66 applications requesting a total not to exceed \$6,656,468 in state FY 2023-24 Indigent Defense Grant Program funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Turner. **Seconded:** Michalik. **Abstentions:** Clark, Marseglia.

Commissioner Estrella asked if there was a county that did not request funding. This will be discussed in the next Action Item.

Aye Votes: 24 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Delegation of Authority – 2023-24 Indigent Defense Grant Funding

Staff and the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee are recommending approval of a delegation of authority to PCCD's Executive Director to approve, with the approval of the IDAC and the PCCD Chairman, an application requesting funding not to exceed the maximum allocation amount identified within the FY 2023-24 Indigent Defense Grant Program funding announcement for this remaining county.

Motion: Mallios. **Seconded:** Clark. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

VI. Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Report

Ms. Jennifer Lopez-Cerrato

Ms. Sally Barry

- Committee Chair Jennifer Lopez-Cerrato provided the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) report, which begins on page 31 of the Commission meeting materials. Ms. Lopez-Cerrato provided brief highlights from the MHJAC meeting, held on May 1, 2024. There were no action items for the Commission's consideration.

VII. Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Report

Honorable David W. Heckler

Ms. Kirsten Kenyon

- Committee Chair David Heckler provided the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) report, which begins on page 33 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Heckler provided brief highlights from the CACAC meeting, held on May 21, 2024, and presented three action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: State Endowment Act Funds

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of 15 applications requesting a total not to exceed \$1,489,832 in state Endowment Act funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Heckler. **Seconded:** Clark. **Abstentions:** Adams.

Aye Votes: 25 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Endowment Act Funds

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of 15 applications requesting a total not to exceed \$1,495,656 in state Endowment Act funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Heckler. **Seconded:** Combs. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Endowment Act Funds

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting a total not to exceed \$213,808 in state Endowment Act funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Heckler. **Seconded:** Mallios. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

VIII. County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee Report*Honorable Russell D. Shurtleff**Ms. Sally Barry*

- Committee Chair Judge Russell Shurtleff provided the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee (CAPPAC) report, which begins on page 47 of the Commission meeting materials. Judge Shurtleff provided brief highlights from the CAPPAC meeting, held on May 9, 2024, and presented three action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: Intermediate Punishment Treatment Funds

Staff and the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee are recommending approval of 60 applications requesting a total not to exceed \$16,516,091 in Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Mallios. **Seconded:** Adams. **Abstentions:** Clark, Marseglia, Shurtleff.

Aye Votes: 23 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Revisions to County Adult Probation and Parole Operating Standards

Staff and the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee are recommending approval of the revised Operating Standards as listed.

Motion: Shurtleff. **Seconded:** Marseglia. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: New County Adult Probation and Parole Operating Standard

Staff and the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee are recommending approval of Standard B.26 as listed.

Motion: Shurtleff. **Seconded:** Turner. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

IX. Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report*Honorable Christopher Mallios**Ms. Kathy Buckley*

- Committee Chair Christopher Mallios provided the Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) report, which begins on page 55 of the Commission meeting materials. Judge Mallios provided brief highlights from the VSAC meeting, held on May 7, 2024, and presented one action item for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: Federal STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Funds

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee are recommending approval of one continuation application from the Crime Victim Center of Erie County, submitted for federal STOP Grant funds, not to exceed \$162,269, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Mallios. **Seconded:** Michalik. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

X. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee Report*Honorable Kim Berkeley Clark**Ms. Sally Barry*

- Committee Chair Kim Berkeley Clark provided the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) report, which begins on page 59 of the Commission meeting materials. Judge Clark provided brief highlights from the JJDP meeting, held on May 2, 2024, and presented six action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: State Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of eight applications requesting a total of \$1,497,957 in state youth focused SAEDR funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Clark. **Seconded:** Shurtleff. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of two applications requesting a total of \$495,801 in state SAEDR funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Clark. **Seconded:** Turner. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal Title II Formula Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting a total of up to \$246,900 in federal Title II funds, over a one-year project period, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Clark. **Seconded:** Marseglia. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of eight applications requesting a total not to exceed \$800,000 in state Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Clark. **Seconded:** Mallios. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of this request to provide the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission with up to \$125,000 in state Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) funds.

Motion: Clark. **Seconded:** Shurtleff. **Abstentions:** Tomassini.

Aye Votes: 25 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of this request to provide the Pennsylvania State University with up to \$1,200,000 in state Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Clark. **Seconded:** Turner. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 26 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

XI. Constables' Education and Training Board Report

Mr. John Pfau

Vice Chairwoman Lopez-Cerrato noted that there was no report for the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board other than the material that is included as part of the packet.

XII. Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board Report

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XIII. Other Business

There was no other business brought before the Commission.

XIV. Public Voice

There was no public voice.

XV. Adjournment

Vice Chairwoman Lopez-Cerrato noted that the Commission approved over \$34 million during today's meeting. As a reminder, the next meeting will be held on September 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Hearing no further comment, Vice Chairwoman Lopez-Cerrato called for a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Mallios made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Michalik. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting concluded at 11:11 a.m.