

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

September 8, 2021 Commission Meeting
MINUTES

Before: Chairman Charles H. Ramsey
Mr. John Adams, Commissioner
Reverend Dr. Anne Ard, Commissioner
Ms. Karen Baker, Commissioner
Honorable Bruce Beemer, Commissioner
Mr. Mark Bergstrom, Commissioner
Honorable Tim Briggs, Commissioner
Mr. Tarik Casteel, Commissioner
Mr. John Delaney, Jr., Commissioner
Representative Sheryl DeLozier, Commissioner
Honorable Elizabeth Doyle, Commissioner
Honorable Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Commissioner
Ms. Suzanne Estrella, Commissioner
Colonel Robert Evanchick, Commissioner
Ms. Tanoa Fagan, Designee for Honorable Meg Snead
Ms. Faith Haeussler, Designee for Ms. Alison Beam
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner
Dr. Gerald Huesken, Designee for Mr. Noe Ortega
Senator Vincent Hughes, Commissioner
Ms. Carol Lavery, Commissioner
Honorable Megan King, Commissioner
Mr. Sean T. McGinley, Commissioner
Mr. Geoff Moulton, Commissioner
Commissioner Michael Muldrow, Commissioner
Honorable Carolyn Nichols, Commissioner
Mr. Steven Ross, Designee for Honorable Jennifer Smith
Honorable Russell D. Shurtleff, Commissioner
Mr. Keith Snyder, Commissioner
Mr. R. Kevin Sutter, Commissioner
Mr. David Wade, Designee for Honorable Josh Shapiro
Ms. Phoenicia Wallace, Commissioner
Mr. William Ward, Esq., Commissioner
Ms. Vicki Wilken, Designee for Honorable Patrick Browne

Guests: Ms. Deborah Carpenter, Board Secretary, Pennsylvania Parole Board
Mr. Michael Deery, Chief Counsel, Senator Vincent Hughes
Mr. George Mosee, Executive Director, Philadelphia Anti-Drug, Anti-Violence Network
Ms. Joni Shenck, District Office Manager, State Representative Sheryl Delozier

Staff: Michael Pennington, Executive Director
Sally Barry, Director, Office of Justice Programs
Kathleen Buckley, Director, Office of Victims' Services
Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development
Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration
Debra Sandifer, Chief Counsel
Jeffrey Blystone
Vicki Bonner
Stacie Brendlinger
Kathy Clarke
Christina Cosgrove-Rooks
Chris Epoca
James Haas
Gregory Harhigh
Nancy Heisler
Heather Hewitt
Rebecca Kiehl
Samantha Koch
Geoffrey Kolchin
Michael Leister
Roi Ligon
Joe MacLaughlin
Zoe Miner
Diane Morgan
Natalie Novotny-Goles
John Pfau
Madelyn Roman-Scott
Alyssa Subsinsky
Brian Swoyer
Lindsay Vaughan
Jacqueline Weaknecht
Randa Weikel
Danielle Wilbert
Gregory Young

I. Call to Order

The September 8, 2021 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Charles Ramsey. Roll call was requested and a quorum of the members was confirmed. He informed members that the meeting was being recorded, to which there were no objections.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Charles H. Ramsey

- The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Moulton. **Seconded:** Briggs. **Abstentions:** None
Aye Votes: 31 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

- Chairman Ramsey noted that we have been meeting virtually for over a year now and continue to due to the ongoing issues with COVID-19. A survey was issued to Commission members and advisory committees to gather thoughts and feedback on how we will conduct business moving forward. It was clear from the survey that many would like the keep the virtual option moving forward.

As we continue to monitor the situation with the pandemic, we will offer a hybrid option where members can join virtually or attend in person depending on their preference and availability. New equipment has been installed in the PCCD Commission room that will give us improved capacity to facilitate these types of meetings.

- We have four new Commission members since the March meeting. Chairman Ramsey introduced and welcomed Judge Megan King, Judge Bruce Beemer, Police Commissioner Michael Muldrow, and Mayor Derek Slaughter.

Superior Court Judge Megan King began her term in January of 2020. Judge King also served as Deputy District Attorney in Chester County as well as Assistant District Attorney in Lancaster County.

Judge Beemer joins us from the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and previously served on the Commission. Judge Beemer also served as the Pennsylvania Inspector General and Attorney General. Judge Beemer also worked in several different capacities at the Attorney General's Office as well as serving as Deputy District Attorney in Allegheny County.

In November of 2020, Michael Muldrow was named York City Police Commissioner. Prior to being named to this leadership position, Commissioner Muldrow spent much of his career working in the York City Police Department and most specifically spent 12 years as the Chief of School Police and Safety Services for the York City School District where he was significantly involved in Juvenile Violence Intervention efforts.

Mayor Derek Slaughter is a life-long resident of the city of Williamsport and began serving the City in this capacity in January 2020. Mayor Slaughter is a Penn State and University of Maryland graduate and taught mathematics in the Williamsport Area School District, where he was also the head coach for the Williamsport High School girls' varsity basketball team for 10 years.

He also recognized Judge Bowes for her service on the Commission. Judge Bowes also served on our Criminal Justice Advisory Committee.

- August marked the two-year anniversary of Governor Wolf's Executive Order establishing the Special Council on Gun Violence within PCCD. The Council was charged with drafting a series of recommendations designed to address gun violence of all types, including suicide, domestic and interpersonal violence, and community-based violence. Those recommendations were presented

to this Commission as the Gun Violence Report in March 2020. Since that meeting, this agency and several of its advisory committees have taken several steps to help make some of those recommendations a reality.

Several efforts have been made to prioritize funding opportunities to address gun violence. The School Safety and Security Committee, for example, prioritized Community Violence Prevention/Reduction Grants funding to support projects targeting gun and group violence prevention and intervention efforts. As a result of those efforts, earlier this year, PCCD awarded \$3.1 million to support 11 projects located in Allegheny County, Allentown, York County, and multiple locations in Philadelphia to specifically support gun violence-related programs.

Earlier this spring, PCCD's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee also approved a Gun Violence Reduction Funding Framework to further advance the agency's efforts in this space. This included new initiatives to improve coordination through the onboarding of a new Gun Violence Prevention Coordinator in the City of Philadelphia, as well as increase available funding to support local gun violence prevention and response efforts in areas of the state experiencing a surge in shootings and homicides.

On top of these efforts, in this most recent state budget at the end of June, PCCD was allocated \$30 million in new state Violence Intervention and Prevention, or VIP, funding to support grants and technical assistance to community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, municipalities, counties, district attorneys, and other entities.

In response to these new resources, PCCD staff and members of the School Safety and Security Committee – which is responsible for overseeing the administration of VIP funding – have moved quickly over the past two months to develop and adopt a VIP Funding Plan utilizing a multi-prong approach to the administration of these new dollars.

The plan involved using a portion of the VIP funding to immediately supplement and support additional applications received through PCCD's 2021 Gun Violence Reduction Program and to augment current existing Gun Violence Reduction grantees whose programs have demonstrated promise. The remaining \$24 million will be distributed as grants or technical assistance through a new VIP funding announcement, which is open now on PCCD's website.

- The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) requires that the Governor of the state certify that 2021 JAG applications were submitted for review to the governing body of the State, or to an organization designed by that governing body, not less than 30 days before the date of this certification. The Commission is the designated governing body for Pennsylvania's JAG application.

PCCD's FY 2021 JAG application is included as a separate document in the Commission materials and is also available for review on PCCD's website. The application was submitted to BJA on July 22, 2021 to support activities and strategies aligned with the goals and objectives articulated within PCCD's 2021-2025 Strategic Framework.

PCCD's 2021/2022 JAG Funding Plan is included as a separate document in the Commission materials. The Funding Plan includes the priorities and activities identified through the strategic planning processes of PCCD's Advisory Committees and details the amount of funds available to support Local Share, State Share, and Under \$10K initiatives.

The Committee of Chairs met on August 13, 2021 to review and provide feedback to develop the 2021/2022 JAG Funding Plan included in today's meeting materials.

Action Item: 2021/2022 Justice Assistance Grant Funding Plan

The Commission is requested to take action on the 2021/22 Justice Assistance Grant Funding Plan as identified in the materials.

Motion: Delaney. **Seconded:** Ward. **Abstentions:** Estrella, Evanchick, Muldrow.

Aye Votes: 28 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

III. Executive Director's Report

Michael Pennington, Executive Director

- What has been termed the federal VOCA Fix bill was passed with the significance for Pennsylvania being that this should address some of the funding challenges that we were soon going to start experiencing. Most significantly, the bill redirects certain fines and costs back to the fund after they were diverted over the previous several years. We are optimistic that this will increase our annual VOCA award to an amount closer to the norm of approximately \$75 million per year compared to most recent award of approximately \$40 million. The bill also extends the life of these awards which will help with our long-term planning so that we can avoid peaks and valleys related to funding and finally the bill will increase the amount of federal funding that will be committed to Victim's Compensation as the matching rate has been increased from 60% to 75%. The Victim Service community did a great job articulating the significance of these changes.
- Since we last met, the state budget was passed. In addition to our normal appropriations for Intermediate Punishment, Adult Probation Grant-in Aid, Violence and Delinquency Prevention, Victims of Juvenile Offenders, and certain legislative directed projects, there were new items added to the budget.

In addition to the \$30 million that was mentioned earlier, there was \$1.5 million included to support the hiring of assistant district attorneys in Philadelphia and Delaware Counties. These ADA's would be designated as Special United States Attorney's by a United States Attorney's office and would focus on prosecuting gun related crimes.

- In addition to the passage of the budget, there were some other pieces of legislation that passed in June and July that impact PCCD.

House Bill 336, which was the omnibus Administrative Code bill. Included in that bill was a provision to establish a new Judicial Computer System Financial Audit Committee under the Commission.

This Committee is comprised of several legislative members or their designees, a judge or justice of the Commonwealth, and several nonvoting advisory members, including the Court Administrator, executive director of PCCD, secretary of the Department of Corrections, State Police Commissioner, president of the County Commissioners Association of PA, and president of the PA State Association of Prothonotaries and Clerks of Courts.

The Committee is tasked with reviewing the judiciary's statewide case management system for magisterial, common pleas, and appellate court and assessing the annual financial needs and revenue streams that support the operation of the system. A final report of findings and recommendations to improve the system is due to the Appropriations Chairs by January 31, 2022. The Committee itself exists until June 30, 2023 unless extended by the General Assembly. There will be more to come on this Committee, and we will provide an update on its activity at the December Commission meeting.

Senate Bill 87 supports the formation of a new Task Force on Child Pornography that will be supported by staff from PCCD and the Joint State Government Commission to examine the offense of child pornography – how it is investigated, charged, etc. – and make recommendations for its improvement. That bill went into effect last week and the Task Force has a duty to meet within the

next 45 days. PCCD staff has started reaching out to the various members that are to be involved in that Task Force so that we can host our first meeting as required in mid-October. We will provide an update on the activity of this Task Force at the December Commission meeting.

Senate Bill 554 amended the Sunshine Act, which pertains to public meetings. Specifically, the changes pertained to advance public notice of meetings and providing agendas to the public – which, we already do. For years, we've provided meeting agendas on our website, and we provide them in hardcopy for those attending in person.

To meet the letter of the new law, we have installed a new display case outside our building where we provide meeting notice information. We are being more explicit in noting in our meeting agendas the various action items that the Commission and our Advisory Committees will be taking up. We believe these revisions will help improve transparency.

IV. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee Report

Mr. Keith Snyder

Ms. Sally Barry, Mr. Geoffrey Kolchin, Mr. Gregory Young

- Committee Chair Keith Snyder provided the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) report, which begins on page 1 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Snyder provided brief highlights from the JJDP meeting, held on August 5, 2021 via Teams, and presented five informational updates and seven action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of an augmentation requesting a total not to exceed \$100,000 in state VDPP funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal issues.

Motion: Snyder. **Seconded:** Lavery. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of seven applications requesting a total not to exceed \$1,050,000 in state VDPP funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal issues.

Motion: Snyder. **Seconded:** Ard. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of one continuation application requesting a total not to exceed \$104,717 in federal JAG funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal issues.

Motion: Snyder. **Seconded:** Adams. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of an augmentation requesting a total not to exceed \$50,000 in federal JJDP funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal issues.

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

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal State Opioid Response (SOR) Funds - Augmentation

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of five applications requesting a total not to exceed \$1,546,248 in federal SOR funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal issues.

Motion: Snyder. **Seconded:** Hughes. **Abstentions:** Ellis-Marseglia.

Aye Votes: 31 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal State Opioid Response (SOR) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of 11 applications requesting a total not to exceed \$786,938 in federal SOR funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal issues.

Motion: Snyder. **Seconded:** Lavery. **Abstentions:** Doyle.

Aye Votes: 31 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal State Opioid Response (SOR) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting a total not to exceed \$900,000 in federal SOR funds, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal issues.

Motion: Snyder. **Seconded:** Moulton. **Abstentions:** Fagan.

Aye Votes: 31 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

V. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Mike Vereb

Ms. Sally Barry and Ms. Jacqueline Weaknecht

- Sally Barry provided the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) report, which begins on page 17 of the Commission meeting materials. Ms. Barry provided brief highlights from the CJAC meeting, held on August 11, 2021 via Teams, and presented one informational update and seven action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of ten applications requesting a total not to exceed \$1,385,602 in federal SOR funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Ward. **Seconded:** Adams. **Abstentions:** Ellis-Marseglia.

Aye Votes: 31 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Opioid Misuse Prevention Funds

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of nine applications requesting a total not to exceed \$1,390,631 in federal SOR funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Heckler. **Seconded:** Ard. **Abstentions:** Doyle.

Aye Votes: 31 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds - Continuation

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting a total not to exceed \$101,996 in federal JAG funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Baker. **Seconded:** Snyder. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds – Continuations

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of six applications requesting a total not to exceed \$385,906 in federal JAG funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Ellis-Marseglia. **Seconded:** Moulton. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval to grant funding to the Office of Attorney General in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Lavery. **Seconded:** Ard. **Abstentions:** Wade.

Aye Votes: 31 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Gun Violence Reduction Grant Program

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of 53 applications requesting a total not to exceed \$10,609,183 in state funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Shurtleff. **Seconded:** Hughes. **Abstentions:** Casteel, Muldrow.

Aye Votes: 30 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: State Gun Violence Reduction Funds – Augmentation

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of four augmentations requesting a total not to exceed \$335,437 in state funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Delaney. **Seconded:** Ward. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

VI. Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Report

Mr. William Ward

Ms. Sally Barry and Ms. Jacqueline Weaknecht

- Committee Chair William Ward provided the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) report, which begins on page 49 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Ward provided brief highlights from the MHJAC meeting, held on August 4, 2021 via Teams, and presented two action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds

Staff and the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee recommend approval of one application requesting a total not to exceed \$79,103 in federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Ward. **Seconded:** Baker. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Mental Health Enhancement Funds

Staff and the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee recommend approval of one application requesting a total not to exceed \$640,000 in Mental Health Enhancement funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Ward. **Seconded:** Snyder. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

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 54 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Heckler provided brief highlights from the CACAC meeting, held on August 3, 2021 via Teams, and presented one action item for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting a total of \$40,152 in federal Justice Assistance Grant funding, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal issues.

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

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

VIII. County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee Report

Honorable Russell D. Shurtleff

Honorable Timika Lane

Ms. Sally Barry

- Committee Co-chair Judge Russell Shurtleff provided the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee (CAPPAC) report, which begins on page 57 of the Commission meeting materials. Judge Shurtleff provided brief highlights from the CAPPAC meeting, held on August 19, 2021 via Teams, and presented one informational update and four action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: Firearms Education and Training Student Code of Conduct

Staff and the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee recommend the ratification of the Student Code of Conduct as described in the meeting materials.

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

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Basic Training Course Curricula/Instructor Manual and Firearms Qualification Course of Fire

Staff and the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee recommend the ratification of the Basic Training Course Curricula and Firearms Qualification Course as described in the meeting materials.

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

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Qualifications for Certified Firearms Instructors (CFIs) and Master Instructors (MIs)

Staff and the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee recommend the ratification of the policies and procedures as described in the meeting materials.

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

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Ratification of Policies and Procedures

Staff and the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee recommend the ratification of the policies and procedures as described in the meeting materials.

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

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

IX. Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report

Mr. John Delaney

Ms. Kathy Buckley

- Committee Chair John Delaney provided the Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) report, which begins on page 86 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Delaney provided brief highlights from the VSAC meeting, held on August 10, 2021 via Teams, and presented three informational updates and four action items for the Commission's consideration.

Action Item: Federal Sexual Assault Services Formula Grant Program

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting \$632,135 in Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Grant Funding as well as the additional funding through the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act (RSCCA), once the amount has been determined by the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Delaney. **Seconded:** Lavery. **Abstentions:** Ard, Baker.

Aye Votes: 30 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program Funds

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee are recommending the approval of an augmentation requesting a total not to exceed \$104,133 in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Funding, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Delaney. **Seconded:** Lavery. **Abstentions:** Ard, Baker.

Aye Votes: 30 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Victims of Crime Act, Rights and Services, STOP Violence Against Women Grant Programs Termination of Funding

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee are recommending termination of funding to the Women's Help Center under the Victims of Crime Act 2020-2023, RASA/VOJO 2021-2022, and the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant 2021 funding announcements.

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

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

Action Item: Victims of Crime Act, Rights and Services, STOP Violence Against Women Grant Programs

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee are recommending the approval of Victim Services, Inc. receiving the remaining, unexpended Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Funding, STOP Violence Against Women Grant Funding, Cambria County Rights and Services (RASA) Grant Funding, and the Somerset County Commissioners receiving the unexpended Rights and Services Act (RASA) Grant Funding, previously awarded to the Women's Help Center (WHC), pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Motion: Delaney. **Seconded:** Snyder. **Abstentions:** None.

Aye Votes: 32 No Votes: 0 Motion Adopted

X. Constables' Education and Training Board Report

Chairman Ramsey noted that there was no report for the Constables' Education and Training Board other than the material that is included as part of the packet.

XI. Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board Report

Chairman Ramsey 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. Other Business

Chairman Ramsey invited members to bring other business before the Commission.

XIII. Public Voice

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

XIV. Adjournment

Chairman Ramsey noted that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2021 and will be held virtually.

Hearing no further comment, Chairman Ramsey asked for a motion for adjournment.

Commissioner Lavery made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting concluded at 11:23 AM.