



Speaker Bios

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Cathy Clarke

Law Enforcement Technology Unit Supervisor, Office of Criminal Justice Improvements

PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Ms. Kathy Clarke is currently the Law Enforcement and Technology Unit Supervisor within the Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements at the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). She is responsible for the administration of state and federal funds in support of the Commissions' law enforcement initiatives to increase safety and system efficiencies by providing support to law enforcement for innovative policing strategies. Ms. Clarke is engaged in the development, coordination, implementation, and review of effective law enforcement plans, programs and planning policies in PA.

During the past 13 years working at PCCD, Ms. Clarke has served in various criminal justice planning roles including Crime Prevention programs, Deputy Sheriff Training, Constable Training, and Victim Advocacy programs.

Prior to working at PCCD, Ms. Clarke spent 9 years as a Deputy Sheriff at the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office in Carlisle, Pennsylvania serving in various roles including Training Officer, Corporal and Acting Sergeant. Her duties ranged from training deputies and writing departmental policies to serving bench and arrest warrants, civil process, and transporting prisoners. She also cooperatively worked and coordinated with many federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies for special security details.

Jeremiah Morton

Senior Program Manager

TN Office of Criminal Justice Programs

Jeremiah Morton has worked in the field of Criminal Justice since 2004 where he began with a career working many different field-level and administrative positions in local law enforcement. He joined the State of Tennessee in 2013 where he has provided leadership in policy planning, development, and the implementation of federally funded programs in multiple state agencies with an emphasis on strategic planning, process improvement, and data analysis. In his current role as a senior planning analyst with Tennessee's State Administering Agency the Office of Criminal Justice Programs, Jeremiah leads a team of program managers and provides oversight of more than a hundred criminal justice and victim service programs.

Tracey Trautman

Deputy Director, Programs Office

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Tracey Trautman currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Programs Office within the Bureau of Justice Assistance within the Office of Justice Programs. In this capacity, she provides oversight for all grants management activity within BJA, including application review, award processing, liaison with grantees, performance measurement and programmatic grant monitoring.



BJA awards approximately 1,500 new grants each year, while managing a portfolio of almost 4,000 open and active grants worth approximately \$2 billion dollars. She also manages the development and execution of all formula grants and payment programs within BJA, including OJP's flagship program, the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Prior to her position at DOJ, Ms. Trautman worked at the Department of Homeland Security's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) as the Deputy Assistant Administrator, with responsibility for the oversight of all programmatic and financial activities for the DHS/FEMA preparedness grant programs.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Communications from North Dakota State University, a Master of Public Administration from George Mason University in Virginia and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Jackie Weaknecht

Program Manager, Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements

PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Ms. Jackie Weaknecht joined the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in 2005 bringing with her a diverse background with the criminal justice system. She served for 25 years with the Berks County Sheriff's Department in Reading, Pennsylvania, where she achieved the rank of Deputy Chief. In that capacity, she supervised the Civil and Patrol Divisions, Inmate Transportation and was the Director of Training. She was also an adjunct instructor for Penn State Justice and Safety Institute at Penn State University, teaching Firearms and Civil Law and Procedure at the Pennsylvania Sheriff's Academy.

In 2009, she was promoted to Supervisor of the County Planning Unit, within PCCD's Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements. PCCD's Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements oversees federal and state funds that support criminal justice related initiatives at the county level. In that capacity, Ms. Weaknecht led the County Planning Unit consisting of four CJAB Specialists that provide support and technical assistance to Pennsylvania counties as they work towards the implementation of criminal justice initiatives and strategic planning efforts.

Ms. Weaknecht was also responsible for the development of funding guidelines for special initiatives that provide financial support for programs that enhance courts, prosecution and other strategies related to improvements in the criminal justice system and that are funded by PCCD's Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements.

In 2015, she was promoted to Program Manager and serves as the Grants Administrator for the Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements responsible for the oversight of federal and state funding streams that includes programming funds to support strategies identified in PCCD's Strategic Framework, oversight of monitoring activities for funded initiatives, and the submission of all federal applications and reports.

Michael Williams

Staff Accountant/ Trainer

Office of Justice Programs, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Grants Financial Management Division

Michael Williams is a Staff Accountant/Trainer at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), Grants Financial Management Division (GFMD). Mr. Williams assist the branch manager in the Financial Service Branch II (Oversight and Evaluation) which is responsible for reviewing applications for funding, reviewing conference cost submission, conducting site visits, hosting Financial Training Seminars, create and conduct specialized/ad-hoc training, write policy and procedures to be utilized by both OJP staff and grantees, and updates the OJP's Financial Guide. In addition, Mr. Williams serves as a facilitator for the OJP Financial Management Training Seminars which are hosted in Washington, D.C. for OJP's grant recipients.



Dale Woolery

Acting Director

IA Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy

Dale Woolery joined the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy in 1994, and currently serves as Acting Director. In his regular role as the agency's Associate Director, he works with public and private sector leaders at the local, state and federal levels to strengthen drug control efforts. In addition to coordinating drug enforcement and substance abuse prevention and treatment initiatives throughout Iowa, the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy supports programs with federal drug and crime control grants and works with elected officials on public policy. As a former broadcast manager and journalist in Des Moines, he also served as an adjunct journalism professor at Drake University. A graduate of the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Journalism degree.