

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

By Dale S. Thompson

Date June 7, 1974

FILE: Governor's Justice Commission

In connection with my interview with RICHARD SNYDER, Director, Pennsylvania Commission for Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, 410 Payne-Shoemaker Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, telephone No. 783-1040 (residence phone - 232-8438), and with my review of records at the Governor's Justice Commission, the following information was developed:

Grant DS-314-71/72A

Awarded January 8, 1973, in the amount of \$20,404, to Department of Justice, Governor's Joint Council on Correction, to December 31, 1973. One of the main functions is to open and maintain communication among the various systems within the "system" of criminal justice. Creation of the Council was formally announced by Governor Shapp on May 1, 1972. There are 18 Council members throughout the State, including the Attorney General and Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Notice dated November 7, 1973 changed name to the "Pennsylvania Joint Council on the Criminal Justice System."

Grant DS-403-74P

Awarded on June 7, 1973 to Government Studies and Systems, Inc., the Management Science Center of the University of Pennsylvania, for a plan to implement the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals. This award was in the amount of \$38,980 for the period July 1973 to February 1974.

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Grant DS-425-72A

Awarded September 10, 1973, in the amount of \$146,307, for the period October 1, 1973 to September 30, 1974.

RICHARD V. SNYDER was appointed Project Director effective December 1, 1973. Funds to be used to conduct the "National Standards and Goals (for Criminal Justice) Implementation Project," now changed to Pennsylvania Committee for Criminal Justice Standards and Goals.

LEAA Application

This is a request, dated May 17, 1974, directly to LEAA for \$278,117 for the period July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975. This project is concerned with the ultimate implementation in the State of appropriate standards and goals and will be reviewed by the Governor's Justice Commission for concurrence at its July 1974 meeting.

There is apparently a lot of infighting in connection with this Standards and Goals Project and exactly who is responsible for it. Obviously, Dick Snyder would like to be the "kingpin" in the whole setup and obtain a discretionary grant directly from LEAA; however, he says John Snavely insisted that the Pennsylvania Joint Council on the Criminal Justice System, of which SUZANNE YENCHKO is Executive Director, be superimposed upon him. When one compares Snyder's background and qualifications with those of Ms. Yenchko, It is not hard to understand his concern. In connection with this, it should be noted that it was necessary for Snyder to revise his application to indicate that the Pennsylvania Joint Council on the Criminal Justice System was the applicant.

In connection with one of my discussions with Mr. Snavely, not specifically related to this project, he mentioned that it was a problem to coordinate the various agencies having an interest in the Standards and Goals Project. As an example: He said he had to get together with Dick Snyder and JUDGE RICHARD P. CONABOY in order to "marry" the Pennsylvania Joint Council on the Criminal Justice System with the Standards and Goals Implementation Project.

Pertinent material relating to these grants is attached.