

CCAP UPDATE

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CCAP NAMES KYLE KOPKO NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) has named Dr. Kyle Kopko its new executive director. Kopko was formerly the executive director for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that represents the interests of 3.4 million rural Pennsylvanians. He was also an associate dean and associate professor of political science at Elizabethtown College.

He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from The Ohio State University and his Juris Doctor & Certificate in Intellectual Property Law from the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law.

As CCAP executive director, Kopko will lead the state's premier organization representing county government, which acts as the united voice for all 67 Pennsylvania counties. CCAP provides county leaders with information and guidance related to legislation, education, media, insurance, technology and many other issues that help create and maintain crucial services for residents throughout the state.

"I am honored and humbled to lead the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. It is not a responsibility that I take lightly," Kopko said. "For more than a century, CCAP has

worked tirelessly to support each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. CCAP's efforts are critically important and benefit every resident of the Commonwealth. I could not be more excited to serve the CCAP membership and work alongside the association's talented and dedicated staff."

Kopko will begin his role as executive director in early August.



Keynote Announced for the Opening General Session



CCAP welcomes Justin Patton, executive coach and international speaker, who will join CCAP members at the Annual Conference.

His engaging presentation on "Making the First Move" will be part of the Opening General Session sparking fresh insights that encourage a transformative approach to leadership and communication.

Attendees will also hear from Dr. Kyle Kopko, CCAP's new Executive Director, who will open the 139th Annual Conference and Trade Show.

The Closing General session will include an **Opioid Settlement Update** from Thomas L. VanKirk, Chair, of the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust and also feature **AI in Government and the World** presented by Vito DeLuca, Esquire, Chief AI Officer/First Assistant Solicitor, Luzerne County

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with over 85 exhibitors during the conference. The Exhibit Hall opens on Sunday with our Camp CCAP reception and continues into Monday. These companies provide valuable services to counties throughout Pennsylvania.

There is Still Time to Register

While the discounted registration rate has now passed there is still time to register for the Annual Conference at an affordable rate. Don't miss out on what will be four days of amazing content and networking opportunities!

[REGISTER TODAY! →](#)

Hotel Reservations

All conference activities will take place at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The conference room block has now closed online, but reservations can still be made by calling the hotel directly at (814) 926-0631 using CCAP's conference code, B7SCCAP5.

While rooms may still be available, our conference rate cannot be guaranteed.

For more information on CCAP's Annual Conference please visit our website.

[Conference Details →](#)

Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Awards

Each year, the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association (PHIA), and the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) collaborate to recognize outstanding road and bridge safety improvement projects led by local governments across the Commonwealth.



More information on the awards program and how to apply can be found on the [PHIA](#) website or by contacting [Jason Wagner](#), PHIA Managing director. The deadline to submit your project is **July 25**.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, August 20 at the CCAP Annual Conference's Closing General Session at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset County.

[Award Brochure and Application →](#)

CCAP Members and Staff Attend NACo Conference



NACo's Annual Conference, held this past week in Philadelphia, brought together 56 attendees from Pennsylvania, representing 23 counties across the Commonwealth. The delegation included 29 elected officials, 22 county staff, CCAP staff, and CCAP's new Executive Director, Dr. Kyle Kopko.

Over the course of the event, CCAP members and staff took part in discussions on key federal policies affecting counties, workshops focused on innovative solutions and best practices, and general sessions exploring the evolving role of county government.

The conference served as both a learning experience and a strategic forum, including the Annual Business Meeting, where members had the opportunity to help shape the future direction of the association.

Stepping Up Initiative

During NACo's Annual Conference, several CCAP members participated in panel discussions on various initiatives, including York County Commissioner and CCAP Treasurer Julie Wheeler.

The panel discussed the 10th anniversary of the [Stepping Up Initiative](#). The initiative is a national movement dedicated to improving responses to behavioral health needs in jails and communities.



PCCD Announces Availability of Funding

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) has announced the availability of funding under the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Firearm Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Initiative.

Firearm Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Initiative -

A total of \$1 million in federal Byrne SCIP State Share funds is being announced to support this initiative. PCCD expects to fund a total of four (4) to six (6) grants over a 21-month project period under two competitive application tracks:

- Regional/Statewide Projects: Up to \$500,000 for initiatives spanning three or more counties or having a statewide impact.
- Local Projects: Up to \$150,000 for localized efforts.

Suicide remains the leading cause of firearm-related deaths in the U.S. and in Pennsylvania. To address this issue, PCCD has dedicated a portion of its FY 2024 SCIP State Share funds to support statewide, regional, and local strategies to reduce the risk of firearm suicide and

mitigate its impact in Pennsylvania communities.

This solicitation requests applications from units of local government, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, statewide organizations, and state government agencies wishing to implement projects and programs that directly address the objectives and proposed approaches under Priority Area 2 in PCCD's approved [FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Funding Plan](#).

Applications must be submitted in PCCD's [Egrants](#) system no later than **September 9, 2025**.

Local Solicitation -

A total of \$4,071,291 in federal funding under the [FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation](#) and Under \$10k Share funds is being announced to support this initiative. PCCD expects to fund approximately 20 grants with budgets not to exceed \$200,000 over a 21-month project period

The primary purpose of SCIP funding is to address gun violence and improve responses to behavioral health crises through the implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives.

Counties are eligible applicants for this opportunity. Projects and programs must directly address the priority areas, objectives, and proposed approaches outlined in PCCD's approved [FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Funding Plan](#).

Applications must be submitted in PCCD's [Egrants](#) system no later than **September 10, 2025**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CCAP Insurance Programs Risk Management Training - Look for details coming in August!

2025 Cybersecurity Summit - October 1-2, Harrisburg, PA

CCAP Solicitors Conference - October 17, CCAP Office, Harrisburg, PA

CCAP Fall Conference - November 23-25, The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA

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CCAP and PA County Career Opportunities

You'll find CCAP and county government career opportunities at the PA County Job Center.

Is a career opportunity available in your county? Submit a request to have your listing on CCAP's PA County Job Center.

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