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Educational Resources

Thank you to our Partner Sponsor, Cohen & Grigsby, for leading our educational session, ***"To Merge or Not to Merge: That Really is Not the Question?"*** Chris Farrell, Christie Tillapaugh, and Kate Dewey informed our members of alternative structures available to nonprofits aside from mergers, such as contractual relationships, shared service agreements, and parent-member organization structures.

A special thank you to Eugene Herne, PA Senior Deputy Attorney General, for contributing to the informative session. Finally, thank you to the members who joined us today.

The PA Attorney General's office provides guidance regarding legal issues, such as mergers and other options, on the Attorney General's [website](#), including a [handbook](#) particularly for nonprofits and charitable organizations.

Federal Policy News

- [More than 4,300 Arkansas residents lose Medicaid under work requirements \(Washington Post\)](#)
- [Trump Officials Prepared For Supreme Court Fight Over Census Question \(NPR\)](#)
- [Trump Administration Moves to Sidestep Restrictions on Detaining Migrant Children \(NY Times\)](#)
- [After Scaling Back Student Loan Regulations, Administration Tries to Stop State Efforts \(NY Times\)](#)
- [Trump falsely claims GDP growth is higher than unemployment for the 1st time 'in 100 years' \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
- [National briefs: House Republicans seek permanent tax cuts as elections](#)

Election Updates

- [6 Ways to Fight Election Hacking and Voter Fraud, According to an Expert Panel \(NY Times\)](#)
 - [Voters are 'on fire about politics.' Why the 2018 midterm elections feel so epic. \(The Inquirer\)](#)
 - [Gov. Tom Wolf releases federal tax returns for 2017 ahead of 2018 election: See it \(York Daily Record\)](#)
 - [Democrats look to make history in Pennsylvania's new 10th District; Republicans hope to repeat it \(Penn Live\)](#)
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Local Updates

- [Monessen distribution center to expand, add jobs \(Tribune Review\)](#)
 - [Tower of Voices dedicated Sunday at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County \(Tribune Review\)](#)
 - [Beaver County native turning garbage into jobs at former Pittsburgh factory \(Tribune Review\)](#)
 - [Want to buy a city-owned property? The wait can be years. \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
 - [Three YMCA branches up for sale \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
 - [After 2016 scare, Beaver County seeing drop in drug deaths \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
 - [Goodwill to close North Side and Whitehall stores this fall \(PGH Post Gazette\)](#)
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Pennsylvania News

These are the 30 healthiest counties in Pa.

Niche.com has compiled a ranking that indicates which Pennsylvania counties are the healthiest. Its 2018 Healthiest Counties ranking used key indicators of personal health from the most recent data available, obtained primarily from the CDC and U.S. Census, to assess the general level of health among residents of each county.

Pennlive has listed the 30 healthiest Pennsylvania counties, based on Niche's assessment. We've also noted how the five healthiest Pennsylvania counties ranked nationally, according to Niche.com.

Source: [Penn Live](#)

Gymnasts who suffered sexual abuse lend their voices to push for PA law

A growing "circle of survivors," is demanding Pennsylvania lawmakers eliminate the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse and adopt a two year window of opportunity to give victims timed out by prior laws, a day in court.

SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests Tuesday joined

representatives of Child USA and a pair of former gymnasts who survived of abuse at the hands of former Michigan State Dr. Larry Nassar to demand that state lawmakers make changes to the law recommended by the statewide grand jury that concluded that more than 300 priests abused 1,000 children across the state.

Source: [Tribune Review](#)

Shift in Pa. water rules could put coal mines' treatment burden on drinking water suppliers

Pennsylvania public water suppliers could face tens of millions of dollars in plant upgrades and treatment costs because of an obscure water quality rule change that was tucked into a state budget bill at the request of coal companies last year.

The switch will save mine operators and nonprofits that treat drainage from abandoned mines “several millions of dollars,” the Pennsylvania Coal Alliance said.

Source: [PGH Post Gazette](#)

Wagner unveils economic plan for Pennsylvania

Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Wagner continues to express the need for a change in Pennsylvania. Last Thursday, Wagner announced his economic plan for Pennsylvania – he refers to it as a plan to “[Empower Pennsylvania’s Economy](#)” – and most of its components shouldn’t come as a surprise, since Wagner has been talking about them since becoming a state Senator: reforming and reducing – when audits determine it to be appropriate - Pennsylvania’s regulatory environment; improving the state’s business climate; improving the state’s permitting process; work with colleges, technical schools, labor unions and employers to ensure Pennsylvania has a workforce trained in what employers need; better develop the state’s energy resources, including expansion of gas-fired power plants and pipeline infrastructure to get natural gas to more locations; and ensuring more of the dollars already extracted from taxpayers are spent on infrastructure (especially transportation), which includes expanding public-private partnerships and reforming state prevailing wage law. “Harrisburg’s excessive tax and regulatory climate continues to stand in the way of our economic potential and I’m committed to changing that,” said Wagner. “My plan will get government off the backs of business owners so they can innovate, expand and produce the economic prosperity that has eluded us for far too long.”

Source: *Capitolwire: Under the Dome*

Wolf administration announces gun violence grants for local municipalities

Gov. Tom Wolf’s administration announced the awarding of more than \$1.5 million in local municipality grants intended to help fight gun violence. Recipients of the grant funding provided by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency’s 2018 Gun Violence Reduction Initiative include McKeesport, Allegheny County (\$149,999); Pittsburgh, Allegheny County (\$250,000); Johnstown, Cambria County (\$150,000); Erie, Erie County (\$148,141); Allentown, Lehigh County (\$150,000); Philadelphia, Philadelphia County (\$500,000); Monessen, Westmoreland County (\$24,013); and York, York County (\$150,000). “This funding to help municipalities address their specific needs to reduce gun violence is an important step to protect Pennsylvanians and make our

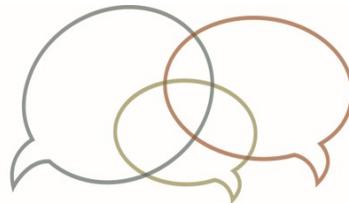
communities the safest they can be,” said Gov. Tom Wolf. “I am pleased the commonwealth was able to make funding available to help avert gun violence in these municipalities and hope that these efforts can be expanded to more communities.”

Source: Capitolwire: “Senior protections focus of House hearing” by Robert Swift

Legislation

- [HB 2628: Amends Public School Code re security officers](#)
- [HB 2629: Amends Title 45 re legal notices](#)
- [HB 2630: Amends Public School Code re superintendents](#)
- [HB 2631: Amends Title 16 re electronic device licenses](#)
- [HB 2632: Amends Title 75 re OLL extension](#)
- [HB 2633: Amends the Right-to-Try Act re treatments](#)
- [HB 2634: Joint Resolution re purely public charity](#)
- [HB 2585: Amends Title 63 re licensing](#)
- [SB 1236: Amends Title 66 re energy efficiency](#)
- [SB 1238: Amends Neighborhood Improvement District Act](#)
- [SB 1243: Act re biosolid materials](#)
- [SB 1246: Amends Titles 18 & 23 re safe haven law](#)
- [SB 1247: Amends Public School Code re PASSHE](#)
- [SB 1248: Amends Title 62 re PASSHE procurement](#)

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