



Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

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Date: March 18, 2016

Members of the Commission:

This letter is to certify that the members of the Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (LCCJAB) offer their support for the following initiative:

Availability of County Intermediate Punishment (IP) Funds for 2016-2018

An award of grant funding under this initiative will enable the County of Lebanon to continue two key elements of the County's Intermediate Punishment (IP) Plan over the next two fiscal years: the Renaissance-Crossroads Program for Levels 3 and 4 drug and alcohol-dependent offenders; and electronic monitoring/house arrest for participants in the Crossroads program and other eligible (Levels 3 and 4) offenders. These components of our IP Plan keep the inmate population at the Lebanon County Correctional Facility at manageable levels by giving offenders a viable alternative to incarceration. Saving incarceration days is the main objective of the IP Plan, and we believe that these two programs, along with the other aspects of the plan, accomplish this objective and are a responsible use of public funds.

The Renaissance-Crossroads program, in operation since 2001, provides the kind of intensive treatment and supervision offenders need to break free of addictions, get their lives back in order, and make a successful return to the community. Renaissance-Crossroads is an outstanding example of an effective public-private partnership that can point to much success, extending a lifeline to so many over the past 15 years. Long-term treatment for non-violent offenders with addictions remains a community priority, recognizing how much we benefit when offenders free themselves from the trap of drug abuse and refrain from criminal activities as a result. Lebanon County, however, is not in a position to fund Renaissance-Crossroads solely from local dollars. Without continued funding from the Commonwealth, this program could not exist, resulting in dire consequences for those whose only hope is the kind of treatment and rehabilitation this program offers.



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We verify that delegates from these departments have been notified of the issuance of this letter and have thus granted us authorization to sign in their stead.

Sincerely,

Signature _____

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Mr. David J. Arnold Jr., Esquire
Lebanon County District Attorney
Chairman, Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

Signature _____

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Ms. Sally A. Barry
Director of Probation Services for Lebanon County
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