

Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Minutes of the Meeting of February 20, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman St., Lebanon

Present

David J. Arnold, District Attorney and CJAB Chairman; Sally A. Barry, Director of Probation Services and CJAB Vice Chair; Daniel Wright, County Police Chiefs Representative; Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner; Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator; Bruce Klingler, Sheriff; Sarah Primak, Veterans Justice Outreach; and, John P. Shott, CJAB Planner/Grant Coordinator.

Absent

Honorable John C. Tylwalk, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; Kevin Schrum, Director of MH/ID/EI; James Donmoyer, Director of Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Stephanie Axarlis, Court Administrator; Brian L. Deiderick, Chief Public Defender; Karen Hess, Director of Domestic Relations; James Holtry, Director of Children and Youth; Robert Karnes, Warden; and Kimberly Mackey, PCCD Regional Representative.

Guests

Brandon Smith, Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Janine Mauser, CASSP.

Chairman David Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes of 12/12/2017 CJAB Meeting—Approved as written on a motion by Sheriff Klinger, seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- **D.U.I. Court**—No report.
- **Renaissance-Crossroads**—No report.
- **Prison Reduction**—No report.
- **Mental Health**—To date, two “Adult CASSP” review meetings have been held, with a third scheduled for March. Positive reviews from the first two sessions.

CJAB DEPARTMENTS: REPORTS AND ISSUES OF INTEREST

Justice-Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding—PCCD has announced the availability of JAG funding for the grant cycle beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019. Mr. Shott is preparing a grant application in the amount of \$150,000 to defray part of the cost of maintaining the Day Reporting Center (DRC). Most of the funding would be used to pay the salary and benefits of the Adult Probation Officer assigned to supervising DRC clients. The balance (\$64,000) would be used toward the monthly invoices sent by PA Counseling Services, Inc, the consultant contracted to operate the DRC. Under terms of the contract, the County is billed for a minimum of 40 clients per month; current monthly

invoices exceed \$33,000. Mr. Shott will prepare a support letter to be signed by Mr. Arnold and Ms. Barry on the Board's behalf. The grant is due on March 26th.

Day Reporting Center—According to Ms. Barry, 31 offenders are currently participating in the DRC program. The County has posted a second PO position to supervise offenders referred to the DRC.

IP-Crossroads Grant 2016-2018—PCCD approved a requested modification to the grant making salary-related adjustment to the grant budget and allowing Level 2 offenders to participate in the program. Current grant year ends on June 30, 2018.

County IP Funding Announcement for 2018-2020—PCCD has announced the availability of State funds for County IP programs over the next two fiscal years, beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020. Under grant guidelines, Lebanon County is eligible to apply for up to \$1,170,000 as long as most of the funding is appropriated for treatment. Mr. Shott will prepare an application in this amount to continue the successful Renaissance-Crossroads program. The application is due on March 28th. A letter of support from the CJAB must be attached to the grant application. Mr. Shott will prepare a draft to be signed by Mr. Arnold and Ms. Barry on the Board's behalf. Starting July 1, 2018, the American Association of Addictive Medicine (ASAM) criteria must be used as the main assessment tool for drug/alcohol evaluations. PA Counseling, the consultant operating the Crossroads program, is aware of this mandate; all members of PA Counseling's staff will be trained in the new criteria by the end of May.

Pretrial Diversion/Treatment Program—Grant funding for this two-year program ends on September 30, 2018. Still encountering difficulty getting referrals, especially from the Magisterial District Justices. Some referrals could also be eligible for participation in the Day Reporting Center. Empower the Mind, a licensed contractor, continues to conduct drug/alcohol evaluations at the prison since the county has not been able to fill the position of Treatment Coordinator. Considering the amount of time left in the grant cycle, it is no longer prudent to hire someone for this position.

Offender Reentry Coalition—Coalition met on January 25th and is slated to meet again on March 22nd. Agreement that the County needs to find someone to serve as Reentry Coordinator. Commissioner Phillips and Ms. Barry have met to discuss this matter.

Heroin Task Force—Brandon Smith, representing Mr. Donmoyer, reported that the County recorded 27 overdose deaths in 2017. Statistical breakdown: average age, 37.5; 18 males, nine females; nine know to the County; 18 white, eight Hispanic, one unknown; 20 with fentanyl in their system, three with naloxone; 20 from the 17042, 17046 zip codes. County has recorded three overdose deaths so far in 2018.

Other Updates from CJAB Departments—Justice Reinvestment II package of bills being considered in the PA General Assembly. One of the bills proposes the establishment of an Adult Probation Advisory Board under the auspices of PCCD. Concern from the PA District Attorneys Association about some language in the bills. Hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Stewart Greenleaf of Montgomery County, will be held next month.

The Spring CJAB Conference is being held on April 3-4, at the Penn Stater in State College. Registration is free. Ms. Barry is planning to attend. Possibility that President Judge Tylwalk and Mr. Deiderick will also be in attendance.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

With no further business to address, Vice Chair Sally Barry declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

NEXT CJAB MEETING: Tuesday, April, 24 2018, 11:00 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman Street.