

Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Minutes of the Meeting of June 12, 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; Honorable John C. Tylwalk, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; Stephanie Axarlis, Court Administrator; James Donmoyer, Director of the Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Brian L. Deiderick, Chief Public Defender; Daniel Wright, County Police Chiefs' Representative; Sarah Primak, Veterans Justice Outreach.

Absent

Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner; Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator; James Holtry, Director of Children and Youth; Karen Hess, Director of Domestic Relations; Kevin Schrum, Director of MH/ID/EI; Bruce Klingler, Sheriff; Robert Karnes, Warden; Kimberly Mackey, PCCD Regional Representative; and, John P. Shott, CJAB Planner/Grant Coordinator.

Guests

Chairman David Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes of 04/24/2018 CJAB Meeting—Approval of minutes tabled until August CJAB meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- **D.U.I. Court**—At present, 40 offenders are participating in the program.
- **Renaissance-Crossroads**—Bed census as of 6/8/18 is 15.
- **Prison Reduction**—Most recent Average Daily Population (ADP) is 501.
- **Mental Health**—No “Adult CASSP” activities to report. The number of reported suicides in the County as of 6-6-18 is nine. Statistical breakdown: six males, three females; three veterans; nine white; seven by firearm, two by hanging; average age, 50.9. The number of suicides in 2017 was 18.

CJAB DEPARTMENTS: REPORTS AND ISSUES OF INTEREST

Justice-Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding—In late March, the County submitted a grant application to PCCD in late March in the amount of \$150,000 in federal funding to defray some 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 supervise DRC clients. The balance would be used toward the monthly invoices sent by PA Counseling Services, Inc, the consultant contracted to operate the DRC. To date, the application remains “under review,” according to PCCD. Grant cycle to begin on 10-1-18. No additional information to report.

Day Reporting Center—Kim Ernest of PA Counseling has offered to attend a future CJAB meeting to discuss the program. Some concern about the number of participants at the DRC not increasing as quickly as anticipated.

IP-Crossroads Grant 2018-2020—The County submitted an application to PCCD in late March for \$1,170,000 in State funding to continue key elements of the County Intermediate Punishment (IP) Plan. Most of the grant budget is appropriated for the intensive in and out-patient treatment that offenders receive at Renaissance-Crossroads. This application also remains “under review.” The Commission is scheduled to meet on June 13 to consider grant applications. According to Kim Mackey, PCCD Regional Representative, all IP grants have been recommended for approval; Lebanon County’s application has no remaining issues to address, so it is likely that approval is forthcoming.

Pretrial Diversion/Treatment Program—No official report. Grant cycle ends on 9-30-18.

Offender Reentry Coalition—Brian Deiderick and John Shott met with Phyllis Holtry of Community Action Partnership (CAP) on 5-3-18 to continue discussions on the future of the Coalition and CAP’s leadership role.

Heroin Task Force—Next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for 7-12-18. Number of reported overdose deaths, to date, is 16. Statistical breakdown: 11 male, five female; 11 deaths attributed to fentanyl; average age, 35.2. Overdose deaths in 2017: 27.

Other Updates from CJAB Departments—The President Judge announced plans to establish a Veterans’ Track within the Court of Common Pleas. The Administrative Office of PA Courts (AOPC) has been conducting Transgender Competency Training as a means of communicating more effectively with transgendered persons who come before the courts.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

The CJAB should begin the process of developing a new Strategic Plan. The last Strategic Plan was for 2013-2014 and approved in October 2013. PCCD recommends that the County write a new plan with new priorities for the next two years. The last planning session in 2013 began with a membership survey prepared by PCCD. A revised edition of a membership survey could be forthcoming to assess Board members’ opinions about our CJAB’s strengths and challenges,

With no further business to conduct, Chairman Arnold declared the meeting adjourned.

NEXT CJAB MEETING: Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman Street.