

**Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of August 16, 2016**

**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; Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner; Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator; Robert Karnes, Warden; Brian L. Deiderick, Chief Public Defender; Kevin Schrum, Director, MH/ID/EI; Bruce Klingler, Sheriff; Sarah Primak, Veterans' Justice Outreach Specialist; Karen Hess, Director of Domestic Relations; and, John P. Shott, CJAB Planner/Grant Coordinator.

**Absent**

Daniel Wright, County Police Chiefs Representative; James Donmoyer, Director of Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse; James Holtry, Director of Children and Youth; and, Kim Mackey, PCCD Regional Representative

**Guest**

Janine Mauser, CASSP Coordinator

Chairman David Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

**Minutes of 06/28/2016 CJAB Meeting**—Approved as written on a motion by Director Barry, seconded by President Judge Tylwalk.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- **D.U.I. Court**—President Judge Tylwalk reported that members of the D.U.I. Court Treatment Team attended an operational meeting/conference in State College in May. Returning from this session, the team is now focusing efforts on three areas:
  - Random drug testing for D.U.I. Court participants.
  - Reducing the amount of time between arrest and placement of an offender in the D.U.I Court program. The objective here is to get an offender into treatment as soon as possible. The City Police could serve as a pilot project to find ways of expediting the length of time between arrest and the filing of charges. The amount of time it takes for defense counsel to file applications for defendants to enter the D.U.I. Court Program must also be addressed.
  - Development and implementation of a prescription drug policy to be included in the revised D.U.I. Court Participant's Manual.

At present, 60 offenders are participating in the program, which is lower than it has been.

The recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court (*Birchfield v. North Dakota*) could impact as many as 55 D.U.I. cases in the county. In this decision, the Court ruled that the Fourth Amendment permits warrantless breath tests incident to arrests for D.U.I., but not warrantless blood tests. Also, motorists may not be punished for refusing to submit to a blood test based on implied consent to submit to them.

- **Veterans' Court**—No report. President Judge Tylwalk and Ms. Primak noted that needs of veterans in the criminal justice system are being met without the establishment of a separate court program.
- **Prison Overcrowding**—Warden Karnes reported that the Average Daily Population (ADP) at the end of July was 512. Gender breakdown: 412 males and 99 females. The average length of stay for an inmate is 49.02 days. The ADP as of 8/16 is 498. Director Barry announced that Probation Services is conducting a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) pilot project at the LCCF. Three probation officers have been trained in CBT. The two-month program will focus on 15 to 17 female inmates who are three-time probation/parole violators. The objective of CBT is to give inmates the tools to keep their prison records clean and, as a result, create opportunities for re-parole.
- **Mental Health**—Mr. Schrum reported that his office is working on assembling a review team for the "Adult CASSP" program in the county. Ms. Mauser noted that she is developing a referral form that should be reviewed by key players before it is implemented.

## **CJAB DEPARTMENTS: REPORTS AND ISSUES OF INTEREST**

**Unified Case Management**—Director Barry reported that the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) is working to include a risk/assessment tool in the UCM. This new feature could be up and running by the end of September.

**Intermediate Punishment (IP)-Crossroads Funding for FY 2016-2018**—PCCD awarded the county the IP grant in the amount of \$1,226,875 at the Commission's meeting in June. This amount represented a mandated reduction of \$73,125 due to the high demand for IP funding across the Commonwealth. However, in mid-July, PCCD notified applicants that the FY 2016-2017 State Budget contains less funding for IP program than planned, necessitating another round of budget reductions. To date, PCCD has not given the county any clear direction on how to revamp the IP grant budget, almost 90 percent of which is used to fund the Renaissance-Crossroads program.

**Day Reporting Center**—GEO Reentry Services, PA Counseling Services, and Youth Advocate Programs have given presentations to the County Commissioners about establishing a Day Reporting Center in the county. Sally Barry, John Shott, and Audrey Rakow will meet with President Judge Tylwalk on 8/19 to discuss the proposals and prepare to make a recommendation to the Commissioners at their meeting on 8/24. The President Judge and Commissioner Phillips expressed their continued support for this concept and are hopeful that, if implemented, a Day Reporting Center will produce positive outcomes.

**Strategic Plan and Offender Reentry**—The Offender Reentry Coalition and the Coalition Executive Committee will meet on 8-18 to review the Strategic Plan and assign duties to sub-committees for implementing the plan's goals and objectives.

**Heroin Task Force**—Probation Services has received naloxone kits through the Drug and Alcohol Commission. All members of the staff were required to take and pass the online certification course on proper use of naloxone. However, no probation officer will be required to carry naloxone with him or her.

**PCAR Webinar/Course on August 18<sup>th</sup>**—The PA Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) is holding a webinar on 8-19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The webinar will address how sexual violence can impact a victim’s mental health. Registration information was emailed to Board members earlier.

## **OTHER UPDATES FROM CJAB DEPARTMENTS**

Commissioner Phillips announced that the United Way is conducting a workshop with the County Commissioners following their meeting on 8-24 to discuss implementation of the 2-1-1 system in the county. This is an important development in light of the United Way’s presentation about 2-1-1 at the CJAB’s June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Director Barry distributed copies of the PA Adult Probation and Parole’s 2016-2018 Strategic Plan, which focus on the use of evidence-based practices. This “roadmap for the State” is the result of a collaborative effort between the County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers Association and many other key stakeholders. The Plan acknowledges that over 86 percent of the total community-based offender population is supervised by county probation/parole departments. With the costs of supervision on the rise and a greater share of such costs borne by counties, the implementation of effective research-based strategies is needed to improve methods of supervision and enhance public safety. Ms. Barry and President Judge Tylwalk also discussed the Commonwealth’s Justice Reinvestment II Initiative. This is also focuses on issues and the local level in recognition that six out of seven people involved in community supervision are under county supervision. A major concern is whether the amount of funding under Justice Reinvestment II will be sufficient. The first Justice Reinvestment Initiative promised much on paper but did not deliver the funding needed to have the kind of impact originally intended.

Mr. Wolgemuth reported that the FY 2016-2017 State Budget contains reductions in the per-judge reimbursement to counties. The impact on Lebanon County’s allocation is uncertain at this time.

## **ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nothing to report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Shott is now serving as the Alcohol Safe Driving Coordinator for the county, having been appointed to that position by court order last December. He attended a workshop for new coordinators and instructors on August 8 & 9th in Altoona. Lebanon County appears to have a good system in place with respect to scheduling, maintenance of a database, collection of classroom fees, etc.

With no further business to address, Chairman Arnold declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. on a motion by Director Barry, seconded by Warden Karnes.

**NEXT CJAB MEETING: Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 11:00 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman Street.**