

Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Minutes of the Meeting of February 23, 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; Honorable John C. Tylwalk, President Judge, Court of Common Pleas; Stephanie Axarlis, Court Administrator; Robert Karnes, Warden; James Donmoyer, Director of Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Brian L. Deiderick, Chief Public Defender; Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator; Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner; Kevin Schrum, Director, MH/ID/EI; Bruce Klingler, Sheriff; Daniel Wright, City Police Chief; Karen Hess, Director of Domestic Relations; and, John P. Shott, CJAB Planner/Grant Coordinator.

Absent

Sally A. Barry, Director of Probation Services and CJAB Vice Chair; Sarah Primak, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist; James Holtry, Director, Children and Youth Services; Kim Mackey, PCCD Regional Representative

Guest

Janine Mauser, MH/ID/EI

Chairman David Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m

Minutes of 12/15/2015 CJAB Meeting—Approved as written on a motion by Sheriff Klingler, seconded by President Judge Tylwalk.

Introduction of Guest—Mr. Schrum introduced Ms. Janine Mauser, Children and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) Coordinator for Lebanon County

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- **D.U.I. Court**—At present, 66 offenders are participating in the program. It is quite likely that the program will reach its capacity of 70 in the months to come. Kaitlin Stiles, DUI Court Coordinator, has prepared a 13-page “fact sheet” presenting details about the DUI Court Program since its inception. President Judge Tylwalk advised members to contact Shannon Dougher for a copy of this comprehensive report. The CJAB sent a letter, signed by Mr. Arnold and Ms. Barry, to the U.S. Justice Department in support of the County application under the 2016 Community Court Grant Program. The President Judge announced, however, that the County will not apply for funding because, following a closer reading of the application, it was determined that the DUI Court program did not meet the definition of a community court under the application’s guidelines. Members of the DUI Court team have been invited to attend a DUI Court training in State College on May 12-13.
- **Veterans’ Court**—No report.
- **Prison Overcrowding**—The Average Daily Population (ADP) for 2015 was 547. Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) has secured grant funding to establish a walk-in clinic at its facility on South 8th Street. This is a

positive step in terms of reentry because the clinic is now able to serve the needs of released offenders. The walk-in clinic began operating on Feb. 15th.

- **Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities**—A fifth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for law enforcement personnel is scheduled for 3-22-16 at Philhaven. This will be the final MHFA training under the PCCD-awarded grant, which ends on 3-31-16. Jayne Miller, one of the instructors from Philhaven, has also been conducting MHFA roll-calling trainings at the LCCF.

Mr. Schrum and Ms. Mauser requested time on the agenda to discuss an issue that had been raised at the 12-15-15 CJAB meeting: the feasibility of establishing an “Adult CASSP” program in the County as an alternative to a Mental Health Court. The current CASSP system works well for juveniles because it brings representatives from multiple agencies together at the same time to discuss the specifics of a child’s case. This eliminates conflicting narratives that can take place when agencies meet separately. A similar system for adults could be developed at little or no cost to the County. Everyone working together on one plan, choosing the best path for an offender, would be a positive step for all concerned. Holding one two-hour meeting per month could be a suitable starting point for “Adult CASSP.” One of the keys is determining the core membership participating in these meetings. Members had several questions on the specifics of implementing such a system, though the consensus was that it is worth pursuing. Mr. Schrum agreed to convene a meeting of the Mental Health Committee to take into account members’ questions and concerns, and report back to the CJAB at the April meeting.

Among the questions to be addressed by the committee:

- 1) Who will be authorized to make referrals into the system?
- 2) For participants in the Adult CASSP system who must have a diagnosis of a serious mental illness: how will the evaluations be funded if the individual has not yet been diagnosed?
- 3) Will violent offenders be permitted to participate in the Adult CASSP program?

CJAB DEPARTMENTS: REPORTS AND ISSUES OF INTEREST

Unified Case Management—Presentation on the UCM’s module for the Public Defender’s Office slated for March 1st.

Naloxone for First Responders Grant Application—According to PCCD, funding to reimburse the county for the purchase of naloxone kits is not available under the current State Budget. To date, Probation Services has not purchased such kits, though PCCD awarded the County a grant in September 2015.

IP Funding for FY 2016-2017—PCCD has not yet issued a funding announcement for IP-Treatment grants for next fiscal year, raising a concern that the Renaissance-Crossroads program could be in jeopardy. Not certain if funding for these programs is included in the Governor’s proposed budget. To date, the County has received only partial reimbursement for program costs in the current fiscal year.

Strategic Plan and Offender Reentry—The Lebanon County Reentry Coalition continues to meet and now has an Executive Board. The following individuals have been elected to serve as Board officers: Brian L. Deiderick, Chairman; Christina Davis (I.U. 13), Vice-Chair; Michelle Allen (Compass Mark), Treasurer; and John Shott, Secretary (non-voting member). Current membership of the Board is nine,

though the Reentry Coalition has approved a recommendation that the membership be increased to 11, with permanent seats for certain departments or agencies. Discussions continue with respect to naming Compass Mark as the Coalition's fiscal agent and using that organization's 501c3 status. Compass Mark has experienced a recent change in leadership; the new CEO must have time to review the Coalition's request and to address any concerns or questions.

The members discussed the Strategic Plan for Offender Reentry, which was approved by the Coalition at its meeting on Feb. 18th. The plan is the result of the work undertaken by the Coalition since its first meeting in June 2015. On a motion by President Judge Tylwalk, seconded by Ms. Axarlis, the members approved the Strategic Plan and authorized Mr. Shott to submit it to PCCD.

Heroin Task Force—The Task Force has met three times, with 30-35 in attendance at each session. It has also been divided into four sub-committees (pillars): Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Law Enforcement. The Task Force is scheduled to meet again on April 15, 2016, 8:30 a.m. at MH/ID/EI. Mr. Donmoyer reported that the Task Force has received \$1,000 from CABHC to fund activities. To date, only one overdose-related death has been reported in the County, occurring on January 1st.

OTHER UPDATES FROM CJAB DEPARTMENTS

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schrum reported that the County has recorded one suicide in 2016. The number of reported suicides in 2015 was 15. Those involved in the Suicide Prevention Campaign are optimistic that their efforts are taking effect.

With no further business to address, Mr. Deiderick, acting as temporary chairman, declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. on a motion by Warden Karnes seconded by Mr. Schrum.

NEXT CJAB MEETING: Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 11:00 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman Street.