

# Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

## Tuesday, October 25, 2022

On **Tuesday, October 25, 2022**, the regularly scheduled CJAB meeting was held at 12:00 noon in the Human Service Building Multi-purpose room.

### **In attendance:**

Commissioner Martin  
Commissioner Qually  
Judge Wagner  
Gale Kendall  
Katy Hileman  
Tony Little  
Don Fennimore  
Phillip Walter

Samantha Hoffman  
Chip Guise  
Sarah Finkey  
Casey Darling-Horan  
Kristi Fields  
Neil Burkholder

### **Welcome**

Neil Burkholder called the meeting to order. The minutes from the August meeting were approved with no additions or corrections.

### **PCCD Announcements & report**

It was reported that Frank Scherer will begin serving as the Central Region CJAB Specialist beginning on November 1, 2022.

**Commissioner's Report** – Commissioner Martin stated a recent meeting was held regarding the County's Health insurance. At this point, everything looks favorable with minimal increases. The previous evening, Commissioner Martin attended an Open House for Penn's Youth Initiative. They are a non-profit group whose mission is to provide and teach risk avoidance for young people. This group is currently looking for funding going into calendar year 2023. The program was started with a grant, and they are now in the process of looking for continued funding. The Commissioner also reported that he recently attended the Prison Ministry Banquet. They are responsive for providing the religious services at the jail and also funds the Chaplain position. Normally the banquet is a fund-raising opportunity. However, this year was more focused on re-energizing service volunteers with the reopening of the jail to service providers. In the future these community volunteers, in addition to providing religious services, may be able to provide some life skills training to inmates. Commissioner Qually gave a brief update to the County's Broadband initiative. Recently, two public meetings were held by the hired consultant. One meeting was held in Gettysburg and the other was held in Biglerville. Surveys will be coming out in the near future for local residents as well as Court and County employees. These surveys are intended to obtain the key information/data that is needed for the project.

### **Old Business**

It was reported that PCCD has several open grants that are currently posted. For members who have not received these announcements, Neil has copies of the information for anyone who is interested.

As an announcement, recently PCCD approved the grant that was submitted for the proposed jail program "Transition to Success". This was the submission that was explained during our February CJAB meeting and was submitted in March. This grant is for \$229,000 over two years. This funding will mainly be used for

supplies and furniture. Details for the program continues to be put together and as soon as the final product is complete it will be rolled out and explained in further detail. The grant period actually began October 1, 2022. However, the actual program start will not be occurring until March/April 2023.

### **New Business/Discussion/Committee Business:**

**22:05**

Casey Darling-Horan (County Administrator, York/Adams Mental Health, Intellectual, & Developmental Disabilities) was invited to attend the meeting. Several meetings ago, there were questions raised regarding the 9-8-8 program as well as the Warm Hand-off Program.

Casey explained that the 9-8-8 program is the official designation for the emergency mental health call line. It is replacing the much longer number that had previously been used. This is part of legislation on the Federal Level. Rolling out the number is the first step in a much larger process to expand crisis services. When an individual calls 9-8-8, they will be talking to someone on the line who is certified to these types of crises. Following the roll-out of just the number to the community, other services will be put into place to deal with the types of actual crises.

Here in York/Adams Counties we are fortunate to have True North Crisis staff answering these calls. However, if the True North staff are already on a call with another individual, calls would then be transferred out to other call centers that could be much further away from our counties. True North continues to actively recruit staff to ensure full coverage for this system.

At the present time, our local 9-1-1 center will not be transferring individuals who contact their number but may be more appropriate for 9-8-8. Instead, they will continue with their current protocols. However, if someone contact 9-8-8 and it is an emergency, the 9-8-8 operator will contact emergency services in these situations.

Commissioner Martin asked Casey if there is information available to show if the Adams County Warm Handoff program was greatly reducing the number of individuals going to the local hospital for these types of situations. Casey stated that she had reached out to Audrey Gladfelter on this topic. Unfortunately, we do not currently have statistics to answer the question posed by the Commissioner.

Casey updated the members regarding the Adams County Co-Responder program. Currently, the program continues to struggle with the staffing part of the program. It is hopeful that staff could be put into place in the near future.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Behavioral Health Committee Report – Warden Hileman**

The Warden stated that all of the updates that she was planning to give were all just covered by Casey.

#### **Housing Committee Report – Kristi Fields**

Kristi reported that she does not have anything new to report. The survey continues to be worked on. Once the survey is completed it will be rolled out to all of the current clients of Probation and the jail population.

#### **Technology Committee Report – Chip Guise reported**

Chip reported that the Virtual Warrant Project continues to move forward. The County transition to .gov continues to be worked on and the switch over will be occurring in the next few months.

#### **Employment Committee Report – Kelly Carothers**

Kelly passed along some information to present. The committee has not met since July 26. They continue to gain more interest with individuals outside of the Criminal Justice System. They are currently working with CareerLink to set the dates for the Hiring event for 2023 with the goal to host an event every other month to occur on Domestic Relation Court Dates.

**Other Business:**

This board is currently at the point of the year where it is needed to set the dates for next years meetings. Traditionally, our meetings were scheduled for the second Thursday of every other month, starting in February. However, over time possibly due to COVID and other impacts, the dates have been falling on larger Criminal Court dates. Due to this, the attendance of some of our members has been limited for our meetings. It was asked if there were any suggestions as to how to set next years meeting dates. It was suggested that Neil look at the Court calendar and try to determine the best dates to set the meetings keeping in mind that the Court utilizes the multi-purpose rooms for several days of each week.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2022, at noon

A motion was made and approved for the adjournment.