

Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Wednesday, October 16, 2024

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, the regularly scheduled CJAB meeting was held at noon in the Adams County Human Services Building Conference Rooms

In attendance:

Judge Campbell
Brian Sinnett
Chief Hansen
Kevin Miller
Warden Hileman

Don Fennimore
Warren Bladen
Kelly Carothers
Neil Burkholder

Welcome:

Judge Campbell called the meeting to order.

PCCD Announcements & Report:

Christopher J. Murphy was unable to attend the meeting. However, he had forwarded updates that Neil Burkholder read. The Recruiting, Hiring, Training & Retention Workshop will be held on November 20, and 21, 2024 at the Wyndham Garden Inn, State College, PA. As of this morning there are six available slots left. A waitlist will be started if the number exceeds capacity. The JNET Conference will be held on December 5 and 6, 2024 at the Penn Stater. The Stepping Up Learning Opportunity Session 3 will be held on November 14, 2024. Challenges identified by participants in the previous two sessions and the next steps to enhance identification and connection to care will be discussed. The Pennsylvania Reentry Council (PARC) will be held on November 14, 2024, at the Best Western, Harrisburg, PA. Registration will be opening soon. Finally, the CJAB Conference will be held on April 22 and 23, 2025 at the Penn Stater.

JNET Announcements & Report:

None.

Commissioner's Report:

None.

Old Business:

Brian Sinnett reminded the Board that the District Attorney's office continues to be interested in overseeing the CIT program. Currently, Brian's plan is to transfer any supervision that the CJAB currently has over the CIT program to the District Attorney's office. His plan will include Dan Barbagello being designated as the coordinator. He will be sworn in as a County Detective in order to give him some coverage County-wide. The DA's office has negotiated an agreement with Cumberland Township regarding any reimbursement for trainings and other items that are not included in his regular salary for Cumberland Township. Brian made a motion "for the Adams County Criminal Advisory Board (CJAB) to relinquish the supervision and oversight of the Adams County Crisis Intervention Team to the Adams County District Attorney's office. This would apply for both the CIT Coordinator's position as well as the CIT program."

Due to the Board not having a quorum of voting members at the meeting, Neil was asked to conduct an email vote following the end of the meeting.

Update: The email vote was conducted, and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Behavioral Health Committee Report – *Warden Hileman*

The Warden reported that the committee met on September 23, 2024. Oversight of the Co-Responder was discussed. Bruce Bartz, who oversees the Co-Responder programs for both York and Adams County, advised us that he will be retiring from his position at the end of October. Although there may have been some conversations held regarding who will take over his position, no further information has been provided. A second part-time Co-Responder has been hired for Adams County. He will be working Mondays and Tuesdays and will be covering the eastern part of the County. At the Committee meeting, Intercepts 2 and 3 were reviewed. The next meeting is schedule for October 28, 2024, and a cake will be brought to thank Bruce for his work. Two problems were brought up. #1. Completing the Intercept Model is very hard without representation from the departments involved. #2. The Warden is currently looking for a vice-chairperson for the Committee.

Chief Hansen brought up that Co-Responder program was discussed at the last Police Chief’s meeting. There is a question as to whether the Co-Responder program is staying or not staying following the end of this year. As per the co-responders, they have been told that they will continue to have jobs through Wellspan even if the Co-Responder program is discontinued. Information on the program has been very inconsistent in this area. The Police Chief’s are very interested in continuing this program. Hopefully, the Commissioner’s have been having these discussions at their Joinder Meetings. But this is not known. Further updates will be provided as more is learned.

Technology Committee Report –

No report

Leadership Development Committee Report – *Don Fennimore*

Don reported that a small part of the sub-committee traveled to Shippensburg University and met with the heads of the Center for Juvenile Training and Research, the Political Science Department, and the Criminal Justice Department. A conversation was held regarding Leadership and what the Committee is currently looking at as well as what these department heads were seeing regarding their perspectives and views of their students. At the end of the meeting, it was asked if they would have interest in partnering with the Committee to do a research study. Following the meeting, Don received information that the Political Science Department would be interested in working on this project. The next step was to get the key decision makers for Adams County, President Judge and Commissioners as well as Chiefs of Police in the County, approval to move forward. After conversations with each of these, there is no objection to moving forward as long as they have the ability to review any survey questions prior to the survey being handed out. The next step in the process is for members of the Committee to again meet with the Political Science department to work on a survey or whatever is determined to be the next step. Currently, dates are being proposed for this meeting.

Transportation Committee –

No report

New Business:

The Warden asked the group if anyone is aware if the County has ever utilized the US ARMY PaYS program as a recruitment and retention tool. This is a memorandum of agreement with the United States ARMY. No one present at the meeting was aware of the County ever participating in this program.

Other Business:

- Dates for 2024 CJAB Meetings
 - Wednesday, December 11, 2024
- Dates for 2025 CJAB Meetings
 - Tuesday, February 11, 2025
 - Tuesday, April 8, 2025
 - Tuesday, June 10, 2025
 - Tuesday, August 12, 2025
 - Tuesday, October 14, 2025
 - Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Appointment Scheduling email for 2025 meetings will be sent out later this week.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at noon.
Meeting adjourned.