

Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board  
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, the regularly scheduled CJAB meeting was held at noon in the Adams County Human Services Building Conference Rooms

**In attendance:**

Tony Little  
Don Fennimore  
Christopher Murphy  
Sherri Hansen  
Sarah Finkey

Kristi Fields  
Aleah Leonard  
Amie Mathers  
Neil Burkholder

**Welcome:**

Neil Burkholder called the meeting to order. Two new members were introduced. Aleah Leonard from Children and Youth was introduced as the new Technology Committee Chairperson. Sherri Hansen, Chief of Police in Bonneauville, represents the Police Chiefs Association as their President.

**PCCD Announcements & Report:**

Christopher J. Murphy reported that both CCAP and PCCD are aware that numerous counties are having issues with juvenile detention as well as staff retention. The CJAB Conference is scheduled for April 9 and 10, 2024 in State College. The JAG funding has been posted. AOPC is hosting the Behavioral Health Recovery Summit in Hershey on October 29 and 30, 2024. More information on this conference will be coming out in the next few months. This conference will be targeting the discussion of behavioral health/mental illness within the criminal justice system. In the next few weeks, PCCD will be introducing the mini grants (\$2,000). This year PCCD will be introducing the Reentry Strategic Planning Grants hopefully by May 2024. This will be up to \$15,000 for Reentry Strategic Planning. In the last few weeks, surveys have been sent to the Adams County CJAB voting members. These surveys were passed along to us by Chris. Sometimes these surveys may not apply to all voting members. However, if they do apply it was requested that they be filled out in order to ensure that the needs of Adams County are being represented.

**Commissioner's Report:**

No report

**Old Business:**

There was no old business to report.

**Committee Reports:**

Behavioral Health Committee Report – *Warden Hileman*  
No Report

Technology Committee Report – Aleah Leonard

The last meeting was held on January 19, 2024. The Virtual Warrant project is currently still in the testing phase. Two topics have been closed out. The first being the District Attorney and Courts intercom system. The second closed topic was the Electronic Filing in Orphan's Court. Discussion was held regarding having a cyber security curriculum not only for the Courts but could be county wide.

New discussion begun regarding notifications and reminders for Court hearings. In the future, the committee will be reviewing departments current usage of technology to send out reminders and notifications to their clients. Finally, it was reminded that the HSB Courtroom technology update will begin on or about March 18, 2024, and will be completed within two weeks.

Leadership Development Committee Report – *Don Fennimore*  
No Report

Report –  
No Report

### **New Business:**

Transportation Committee. As of this date of this meeting, our CJAB still does not have a chairperson assigned for the Transportation Committee. This was a goal for our Strategic Plan. Several requests have been made searching for a volunteer for this committee. However, currently there have been no responses. It was questioned as to who brought the topic up during the strategic planning sessions. It was stated that several members agreed that transportation continues to be an area of need for our County. It was discussed that the possibility of the County hiring a Human Services Director and possibly this may be an area that would fall under that position. It was recommended that our members again go back to their offices/departments to determine if there is anyone within their organization who may be interested in chairing the Transportation Committee.

Central Booking goal of the Strategic Plan. Currently there has been no official answer as to if this will continue to be part of the Strategic Plan or if it will be removed. As soon as an answer is given, this will be passed along.

CIT program Coordinator. Recently, we were informed that the CIT Coordinator no longer works for Adams County and therefore would no longer be filling that position. Therefore, we are in need of a new coordinator. It was brought up that someone/office will need to take ownership of this program. If there continues to not be any ownership the program may need to be eliminated. Sherri Hansen stated that she would be willing to put the word out to the Chiefs of Police. The group was reminded that there were to be discussions by both the District Attorney as well as Judge Campbell to reach out to the officer who was assisting or helping the former chairperson out with the program. These discussions still need to occur. In addition, it was discussed as to the possibility of the new Co-Responder position filling this need. This discussion will continue.

### **Other Business:**

- Dates for 2024 CJAB Meetings
  - Wednesday, April 10, 2024
  - Wednesday, June 19, 2024
  - Wednesday, August 21, 2024
  - Wednesday, October 16, 2024
  - Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at noon.  
A motion was made and approved for the adjournment.