

**Adams County
Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Strategic Plan for 2021-2023**

The vision, mission, and core values of the Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board that were utilized during this process are as follows:

CJAB Mission Statement, Purpose and Board Structure:

In November of 2007, the Criminal Justice Advisory Board adopted a mission statement to reflect the importance of how to address criminal justice issues within the County. In 2010 the mission was updated to reflect a more current view of the work within the CJAB. The CJAB has continued to pursue identified matters as part of its overall strategic plan to take an all-inclusive, structured and proactive approach to identifying criminal justice issues in Adams County.

Mission:

The mission of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board is to improve the quality of life within Adams County by supporting the local criminal justice system through an ongoing forum for collaboration among key decision-makers.

Purpose:

The purpose of the board is to evaluate, analyze, plan, and integrate information, as well as to identify, access and sustain sources of funding. This will allow the board to recommend actions to ensure the delivery of dignified, efficient, respectful and sustainable service to the Adams County community.

Ongoing goal:

To create and coordinate opportunities, methods and processes within Adams County to improve its criminal justice system and lead to more dignified, efficient, respectful and sustainable service to the community.

One primary purpose of the Board is to achieve consensus on methods to create efficiencies and improve the effectiveness regarding the administration of criminal justice in Adams County.

Based on this goal, the CJAB has established the following procedures:

1. Bring together key decision makers on a bi-monthly basis to openly discuss issues that affect the justice system.
2. Identify problems and issues, and proactively address those issues through planning and coordination.
3. Review programming and policies, avoid duplicate spending of criminal justice agencies, improve programming, and initiate innovative programs and policies through working group processes.
4. Facilitate the administration of justice and the provision of services and programs through the Criminal Justice Advisory Board Office.

Goals and Action Plan for 2021-2023

The strategic plan for the Adams County Criminal Justice Board consists of the following high-level objectives and action steps:

Goal #1 Reentry Facility

1.1 **Objective/Goal:** Determine if there is available space within the current Reentry building for possible additional programming of individuals within our Criminal Justice System

Action Steps:

- Create an adhoc Reentry committee consisting of key people including but not limited to Judges, Commissioners, Warden, Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender, Jail, etc.
- Conduct a Feasibility Study, first by gathering, reporting, and analyzing relevant statistical data, determining first if the increased usage of Electronic Monitoring is having a negative, static, or positive impact on the system and then identifying several of our greatest needs and possible uses/programming for possible space in the Reentry building.
- Create a list identifying how other Counties around the State have responded to this same area in the system

Timetable:

- 1-2 years

Goal #2 Housing

2.1 **Objective/Goal:** Evaluate the possible housing issue within the criminal justice population and possible ways to assist in this area

Action Steps:

- Create an adhoc Housing committee consisting of key people including but not limited to Probation, Jail, Public Defender, Commissioners etc.
- Evaluate and determine several stages within the criminal justice system to capture relevant housing data, by gathering, reporting, and analyzing relevant statistical data and if not currently capturing, creating ways to capture this data.
- Create a list identifying how other Counties around the State have responded to this same area in the system

Timetable:

- 1-2 years

Goal #3 Employment

3.1 **Objective/Goal:** Explore Employment Opportunity Programs for individuals within the Criminal Justice System

Action Steps:

- Create an adhoc Employment committee consisting of key people including but not limited to Probation, Jail, Public Defender, Commissioners, Victim/Witness etc.

- Evaluate and determine several stages within the criminal justice system to capture relevant employment data, by gathering, reporting, and analyzing relevant statistical data and if not currently capturing, creating ways to capture this data.
- Create a list identifying how other Counties around the State have responded to this same area in the system

Timetable:

- 1 year

Goal #4 Behavioral Health

4.1 **Objective/Goal:** Evaluate the Adams County CIT program to determine effectiveness/limitations and identify areas of improvement

Action Steps:

- Gather, report, and analyze relevant statistical data to determine usage and effectiveness of the program since its inception.
- Prepare a Report of Interviews with local Police Departments to capture usefulness, gaps, and suggestions.

Timetable:

- 1 year

4.2 **Objective/Goal:** Explore the possibility of initiating a Crisis Co-Responder program with the local police departments

Action Steps:

- Work with MHIDD to review and determine what will be needed to establish a Crisis Co-Responder program
- Through the District Attorney, identify the most appropriate Police Agency (Agencies) to begin the program
- Work with identified local Police Agency (Agencies) addressing needs and concerns related to this program
- If deemed appropriate, begin a Pilot program with local Police Department(s)

Timetable:

- 1-2 years