

Adams County CJAB Diversion Committee
Friday, May 29, 2026

On Friday, May 29, 2026, the CJAB Diversion Committee meeting was held at 1:00pm in the Adams County Human Services Building Conference Rooms

In attendance:

Warden Hileman
Kelly Zavertrnik

Neil Burkholder

Welcome:

Those in attendance agreed to postpone the review of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping until there is a larger attendance. When the MAP is reviewed, we will begin with Intercept 3.

The group began a discussion as to a visit or two to another County to hear about their Diversion related processes that have implemented. Several Jail/Institutional areas were discussed.

One idea discussed was the following example:

If someone gets arrested, they come into jail, they have bail set, so they are then committed. We know that within 7-10 days they have Central Court. Maybe we could concentrate on that 7-10 period to (1) get evaluations and (2) get the information, so that when they go to Central Court a legitimate bail decision can be made. Maybe a program can be started, or a special condition could be put into place, for the individual to safely be released in place of monetary bail. Possibly it could be a Drug and Alcohol Track or a Mental Health Track or any special track to begin working on the issue then to be released. Obviously, at this point in the system it is voluntary. But if agreed to then they could be released a little sooner instead of waiting an extended period to be released. This idea would fall into a Pretrial Diversion Program. This could be for those individuals who do not necessarily need to be in jail but cannot afford to bail out of jail... out of jail. Plus, at the same time, have this individual start to work on things that will be beneficial for them at the time of sentencing. There are many times that the Attorneys representing the individuals for a DUI are not asking for a Drug and Alcohol Evaluation. The evaluation could be asking for Inpatient, and the individual could start treatment long before they would otherwise. For example, we could... if a person comes in with a DUI (either Drugs or Alcohol) and have a high bail, we could do the LSCMI and possibly a LOCA completed, we could say (with a certain amount of certainty) that they are not a high risk of reoffending, they could then have an opportunity to get an unsecured/supervised bail. We could have all of that information at Central Court and then the DA, PD and MDJ would have all of the information to decide.

Katy will plan with Cumberland County for us to visit to look at all their Diversion programs. Dates will be provided.

Another topic that was discussed was if there is a possibility of finding alternative treatment for different types of issues (example Domestic Violence, D&A, Assaults, Mental Health etc.) like online or Virtual Reality. The jail currently has two versions of learning management on the inmate tablet. The warden will review their systems to see if either of these versions have anything related to this discussion that may benefit the entire system.

Another area that was again discussed was the possibility that the same treatment plan follows everyone throughout their stays in different parts of the system (from Probation to Jail to Community release). There continues to be hurdles but it continues to look promising.

Finally, Neil had been asked at a prior meeting to see what the home address of individuals were who were charged with DUI here in Adams County. Using CPCMS and the home address entered into the system, Neil passed out a report. Of the 992 DUI Cases that were sentenced in Adams County in 2025, 373 or 37.6% had an Adams County address listed as their home address. York County had 171 or 17.2%. Franklin County had 48 or 4.8%. And Cumberland had 33 or 3.3%. . Of the total 719 (72.5%) had a Pennsylvania address and 150 (15.1%) had a Maryland Address. A discussion was started regarding if this information was important for the overall question of why Adams County has so many DUIs as compared to all of the other County in Pennsylvania. The meeting was adjourned. The next time the group meets will be for a visit to Cumberland County.