

Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

April 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, April 26, 2021, the regularly scheduled CJAB meeting was held at 12:00 noon in the Human Service Building Multi-purpose room.

In attendance by video/phone conference:

Commissioner Phiel	Warren P. Bladen
Commissioner Qually	Don Fennimore
Judge Campbell	Chip Guise
Judge Wagner	Kristi Fields
Brian Sinnett	Tim Breighner
Gale Kendall	Neil Burkholder
Katy Hileman	
Samantha Hoffman	
Cindy Keeney	

Welcome and Introductions:

Judge Campbell called the meeting to order.

PCCD Announcements & report

Todd Ferretti was unable to attend the meeting. However, he did pass along some information for the group. The 2021/2022 CCAP Technical Assistance Mini-Grant is still available which can be used to improve county CJAB's through the availability of \$2,000.00 that counties can submit an application for if a particular need is out there that they can utilize to make improvements under any portion of their CJAB's umbrella. Also, the recent CJAB Conference that was held in State College, PA and was a success; the presentations from this conference are all available online via the PCCD website under the 2022 CJAB Conference Portal. The 2023 CJAB Conference will be held in State College, PA and the Penn Stater Hotel once again; the dates are 03/21/2023 to 03/22/2023.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Qually relayed updates on the Co-Responder Project for Adams County. Funding has been approved for the program. However, the York County Salary Board have not yet approved the positions for this. Two of these positions will be for the Adams County program.

Commissioner Phiel updated that the County continues to plan to create a female version of the Mercy House. However, a big obstacle that has presented itself is that currently there does not appear to be anyone to run a female Drug and Alcohol Recovery House.

Old Business

CJAB Letters of Support

Neil Burkholder reported that since our February meeting CJAB was approached to send Letters of Support for three different grant opportunities.

1. 2021/22 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Initiatives Funding (Probation Services). This grant funding (if approved) will be used toward expanding the capabilities for the Probation Case Management Program.
2. 2021/22 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Initiatives Funding (Chief Sherri Hansen, Liberty Township Police Department). This grant funding (if approved) will be used toward adding a Ford Explorer, fully marked and equipped police cruiser as a patrol car for the Liberty Township Police Department
3. Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program funding from PCCD (Probation Services). This grant funding (if approved) will mainly be used toward the continuation of their drug testing program and to cover the costs for the Probation DUI Assessor.

All three of these requested were sent to the voting members of the board. All three requests were approved.

New Business/Discussion:

Warden Hileman stated that she has been approached by several individuals within the County inquiring if anyone from Adams County will be attending the CCAP's 2022 Forensic Conference titled "County Approaches to Reentry". This one-day conference is being held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College. The cost to attend the conference is \$150 per person. In prior years, Adams County has been represented. Ideally, CCAP recommends a team of six individuals representing different agencies/departments within the County to attend. The groups that have attended in the past highly recommend the part of the conference that includes a reentry simulation. During the simulation, the County representatives learn how having a criminal record impacts individuals and families, identify through critical reflection the influence of personal biases and values of working with diverse individuals and constituents, and to discuss the importance of engaging in practices that advance social and economic justice.

Several individuals (including Warden Hileman, Commissioner Qually, a District Attorney representative and possibly a representative from the Probation Department) expressed an interest in attending. Warden Hileman was also asked to contact the Public Defender's office to see if their office would like to send a representative. Registration is due no later than May 9, 2022.

Cindy Keeney introduced Samantha Hoffman who will be the new Director of the Adams County Victim Witness Program. Cindy also relayed that this week is National Crime Victim's Rights Week. This week is a time to raise more awareness about victim's rights. In addition, Cindy brought up that both Safe Home and the Adams County Sexual Assault Services is hiring. If anyone knows of anyone who may be interest in working with these organizations, pass along the information.

Committee Reports:

Behavioral Health Committee Report – Warden Hileman

The first goal that was tasked to the Behavior Health Committee was the evaluation of the CIT program. After several meetings, it was learned that the information that was being completed and collected for the program was specifically geared towards the initial grant for the program and was not really the best information to be used towards evaluating the effectiveness of the program. One of the big obstacles with this information was the collection of the forms and that there were not a lot of data sheets being turned in. The majority of the sheets that were collected all came from one department within the County. Several options were explored by the committee to increase the submission of the data forms, however, there does not appear to be a good way to back-track and collect some of this past data. Eric Beyer has recently step aside from being the head of the County's CIT program. Aurora Hollabaugh (Probation Services) and Officer Barbagello (Cumberland Township Police Department) will be the new contacts for the program. They have a new plan in place to improve the data that is collected, by expanding the parameters of the data collected. However, the analysis of this new data will not be available for at least a year from now. The Committee is requesting that this goal of CIT evaluation be put on hold pending this new data that will be collected and then analyzed.

Goal #2 that the Committee was tasked with involves the Co-Responder program. Currently, this program is well underway (as expressed earlier by Commissioner Qually) and the ability for the committee to work anymore on this topic does not appear beneficial. Therefore, the committee is recommending that Goal#2 is satisfied.

With the two goals that were assigned to the committee having either been satisfied or currently put on hold, the committee has put together a list of possible future goals that can be worked on. This list includes:

- Create a County Law Enforcement Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Training Center
- Consider a 24-hour CIT Center and/or Mental Health Stabilization Center including either short-term housing or long-term residential programs
- Evaluate the appropriateness for a START program here in Adams County. A START program is current running in York County. Basically, this is a one stop shop for Drug and Alcohol/Mental Health Crisis.
- Investigate the 9-8-8 legislature and the impacts here in Adams County. This will be the Mental Health equivalent of 9-1-1.
- Explore a Centralize Coordinator position for Overdose or Opioid Crisis
- Mobile Drop-in Centers for Opioid Use Disorders
- Cell Phone Distribution plans to Support Treatment Compliance Plans and Recovery Support
- Examine Special Populations for Programming especially related to Drug and Alcohol

A lot of discussion occurred among the group discussing the 9-8-8 legislature. There appears to be some urgency to explore this in that the start date for the program is July 17, 2022. Unfortunately, it does not appear that individuals around the table have a full grasp of the impacts or who may be currently working on this.

A motion was made to revise/amend the goals of the Strategic plan as it pertains to the Behavior Health Committee. This revision would include (1) exploring the impacts and needs of the 9-8-8 program and (2) selecting two other topics from the list provided – one with concentration on Drug and Alcohol and one with concentration on Mental Health specifically the START program. Motion was approved.

Housing Committee Report – Kristi Field

The Housing committee has been tasked with evaluating the Housing Issue for our Criminal Justice population. As has been learned from other activities, there is no clear data currently being collected specifically to assist in evaluating our possible housing issues. In order to avoid waiting a year or two for new processes to be put into place, the committee is recommending that a “point-in-time survey” be conducted for our current population. This would be a starting point to examine this housing topic. It is hopeful that this survey be conducted during a day or days in June 2022. The individuals being surveyed will be the Probation caseload as well as those currently residing in the Jail on the selected day(s). These two populations should cover the identified persons to begin to examine this topic.

Discussion was held questioning if the committee plan to conduct a follow up survey (i.e., in six months)? The Committee plans to conduct this first survey and depending upon the success of data collection, future plans will be put into place.

Technology Committee Report – Chip Guise

An update for Virtual Warrants was given. Discussion have been held regarding the allocation of responsibly regard this system, making sure moving forward all players involved, understand and agree to what the roles are for two types of users: people administering it and people who are working the warrants that are contained within it.

In addition, a reminder was given for the County switch from .US to .GOV. There will be plenty of notice before the cutover occurs, possibly four months before this change happens. The County website and the emails will change at the same time. This may occur in the fall, but no date has been set at this time.

Employment Committee Report – Tim Breighner

The Committee has been trying to identify some employers who will be willing to hire individuals who we work with. Letters have been sent to some of these prospective employers. Fliers for hiring events have been distributed to various county departments notifying as to when the hiring events will be held. CareerLink has been a big presence for Domestic Relations in regarding to individuals seeking employment. They have even been attending certain Domestic Relation Court days to assist. The most recent Hiring Event was held yesterday. Several Employers attended the event.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of having someone like CareerLink attending Contempt days for the Court. This will be discussed and followed up within the committee.

Other Business:

none

Conclusion:

Next meeting scheduled for June 28, 2022, at noon

Future Meeting Dates:

August 16, 2022

October 25, 2022

December 20, 2022

A motion was made and approved for the adjournment.