

Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, the regularly scheduled CJAB meeting was held at noon in the Adams County Human Services Building Conference Rooms

In attendance:

Judge Simpson
Sherri Hansen
Kevin Miller
Kristi Fields
Katy Hileman

Lt. Michael Burns
Don Fennimore
Kelly Carothers
Christopher Murphy
Neil Burkholder

Welcome:

Judge Simpson called the meeting to order.

PCCD Announcements & Report:

Christopher Murphy reported that the CIT Conference is scheduled for October 28-29 at the Nittany Lion Inn. Byrne Statewide Crisis Intervention (SCIP) funding announcement is anticipated to be sent out within the next few weeks. This is to help counties fund responses to Mental Health and Reduce Gun violence and Suicides. PCCD is also launching a new Crisis Intervention Team and Technical Assistance Center. This is designed to strengthen and support crisis intervention programs across Pennsylvania, helping law enforcement and first responders keep Pennsylvanians safe by providing more resources during emergencies

Regarding the Budget, the State is changing how the funding will filter down. They are currently looking at a Block Grant. They will be combining the Probation Grant-In-Aid, Intermediate Punishment Funding as well as the MAT Act 80 funding. Although it is possible that the Act 80 funding may be pulled out.

House Bill 561 recently passed in the House in May. This will expand available MATs to include FDA-approved medications - methadone, buprenorphine, in addition to naltrexone (vivitrol). This Bill is currently working its way through Senate.

Plans are underway to host Behavioral Health Regional Council summits in the Fall (details to follow). Adams County is part of Region 3 (includes Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, Blair, Huntington, Mifflin, Juniata, and Perry). The summit (October 21st) will cover Crisis Infrastructure and regional crisis resources. It will also highlight successful County programs from the region.

JNET Announcements & Report:

No Report

Commissioner's Report:

No report.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Behavioral Health Committee Report – *Warden Hileman*

The Warden reported that the committee provides Behavior oversight for the Co-Responder program. Unfortunately, Mackenzie is no longer a Co-Responder. This is a huge loss for county.

Recently we received some data for the program.

Data for 2024

There was a total of 271 contacts involving a Co-Responder

45 of these led to a 302
11 led to a 201
56 led to some other form of inpatient mental health treatment
32 outpatient mental health treatment
7 criminal contacts resulting in 2 arrests.

So far in 2025 there have already been 111 contacts with the two (2) co-responders. Now with only one (1) co-responder, the impact will be felt. The entire Co-Responder Data is available. Please contact the Warden if you would like a copy.

Regarding the CIT Program. Officer Barbagello did hold his first class. The next class will be October 27th-31st. There is initial discussion regarding a refresher class for current staff who are certified.

Sub-committee report. The Committee has finished revising the sequential intercept map. There were really no new gaps or barriers identified. However, there are staffing issues that have become worse. This appears to be a trickled down from reduced college enrollments in key areas. The Committee has identified some priorities. The Warden expressed that the Committee is currently at a place where they can only further one item on the priority list. The top priority from the review is to establish some form of a Crisis Stabilization Center. But to examine this, it well outside of what the committee can accomplish outside of gathering some research information. Another priority was to grow the Co-Responder program. However, with the loss of Mackenzie, focus must be put on filling her vacant position. Another priority is a need for a Resource Directory, considering that a lot of staff are not aware of all the resources that are currently available. This is something that is often talked about within individual offices. However, it has never really been put into one comprehensive document. We may need to bring in IT to possibly publish on the County Website. This could possibly be an electronic document to replace printed materials and then to get this information out to the community. The last priority concerns training for the stakeholders. There is a need for more training, more cross-system collaboration training.

Technology Committee Report –
No report

Leadership Development Committee Report – *Don Fennimore*

Don stated that unfortunately he did not have a positive report for the Board. The Committee's last meeting was April 24, 2025. At that time, there was a consensus with the committee that we have come about as far as we will be able to go with what has been assigned. As a review, the committee pursued a partnership with Shippensburg University to conduct a survey to assess County, Courts and Police Departments staff to determine what staff felt that leadership meant to them. This was to address the leadership void that is anticipated within the next few years. Unfortunately, when a written agreement was sent from Shippensburg University to the County, it stated that Shippensburg would have control of whatever data was gathered. When the County reviewed the agreement, the County took the position that the County needed to have 100% control of the gathered data. Once this position was taken, Shippensburg stated that they would have no interest in going forward with this project if they did not control the data. Therefore, the committee hit a dead end. Much discussion was then had within the committee to determine if there was some way that we could work around this impasse. However, if the County maintains the position of having 100% control of any survey data, this eliminated a large portion of the population who would have received a survey. Therefore, too few individuals would be surveyed to assist us in gathering any useful information. The committee's discussion ended with no suggestion as to how to proceed. The only possibility would be if some grant became available in the future for the Commissioners to sign off as the governing body and control the research people so that they could then have 100% control of the resulting data. This had been discussed previously within the committee. A large negative of this approach included possible distrust from staff, if the survey was coming directly from the

employer as opposed to an independent body. Therefore, the Committee concluded that as of now there are no avenues to continue to explore and all work of the committee has finished.

Don made a motion for the board to review the committee's work and to then have an email vote (due to lack of quorum) to conclude the work of the committee and disband the adhoc committee.

Judge thanked the committee for their work.

Transportation Committee – *Captain Darrell Smith/ Warden Hileman*

Rabbit Transit is not very interested in Justice involved individuals. They are more interested in Bike Share and tourists. They are doing a qualitative study and Darrell turned in an impact statement to support the program for work release, probation etc.

New Business:

Tiffani Kleiser (Forensic Mental Health Director) and Maddie Shimmel (Forensic Liaison) both from York/Adams MH-IDD were present to do a quick overview of some of the Mental Health Commitments involving the Criminal Justice System.

Voluntary and Involuntary commitment

302 Involuntary Emergency Mental Health Commitment under the Mental Health Procedures Act. This Act was created in 1976, and it has not been revised since.

A 302 allows for an emergency Psychiatric evaluation and treatment without the individual's consent. This is initiated when someone poses a clear and present danger to themselves or others due to a mental illness.

The criteria needed to be eligible is:

- 1) Must have occurred in the last 30 days.
- 2) Post a clear and present danger to themselves or others
- 3) The inability to care for personal needs
- 4) Suicidal threats or attempts
- 5) Self-injury with attempt to die.

There are six (6) delegates who receive the petitions to give permission on behalf of individuals (cover York and Adams County)

Once a petition is filed, the Crisis Intervention staff reads the petition to the delegate.

The patient must verbalize a plan and show additional information to carry out the plan.

The delegate then must conduct research to approve the 302.

Who can initiate 302? Anyone can initiate, family member, physician.

Processing a 302

- 1) Must receive application from Crisis worker
- 2) Petition detailing observed behavior
- 3) Evaluation occurs at a crisis center or hospital center
- 4) Physician assessment is required within two (2) hours to determine Involuntary treatment
- 5) If approved, the individual can be held for up to 120 hours or 5 days. This starts when the Doctor begins to perform the evaluation
- 6) After 120 hours, the Doctor may increase to 303 status. This allows for extended involuntary treatment time and increases the hold up to 20 days with a hearing.
- 7) Then a 304 for up to 90 days
- 8) Then a 305 etc.

201 Voluntary commitments

Outpatient -302 commitments are Civil not Criminal

Can impact future firearms purchases. Once delegate approves the 302 commitments, the warrant should be executed promptly. There is no specific timeframe.

Crisis team is now a mobile unit

Additional New Business

The Warden stated that as a follow up regarding some of the information that Chris provided earlier... the Behavioral Health Regional Council Summit is scheduled for October 21st in Bedford County. Both Tiffany and Maddie are speaking on a roundtable discussion of the region's crisis infrastructure. There is a need for a six (6) person team of stake holders to go to summit. At the First Informal Summit that was held several year's ago, the team consisted of the Warden, Kristi Fields, Commissioner Qually, Judge Wagner, Sean Mott, and Jason Pudleiner. For this Summit, we need to send six (6) people who are specific stakeholders who are interested. There is also need for a location to hold a "watch" party. The Jail's Treatment Supervision is willing to oversee and lead the "watch" party. The entire Summit will be streamed and will be viewed at the "watch" party.

Preferably the team should consist of a Judge, DA's office, PD's office, Probation, Police Department representative, etc.

Judge Simpson will speak with the other Judges regarding this and will attempt to reach out to the other identified offices for participation.

Other Business:

None

Meeting adjourned.