



April 17, 2023

CJAB Employment Committee:

Members: Kelly Carothers (Domestic Relations Section), Barbie Taylor (Adams County Adult Correctional Complex), Neil Burkholder (Department of Operational Services), Commissioner Jim Martin, Samantha Hoffman (Adams County Victim Witness), Elizabeth Hower (Prison Society), Jason Shultz (PA CareerLink).

In attendance: Kelly, Barbie, Neil, Samantha, Betsy and Jason.

Welcome Jason Shultz from CareerLink to the committee.

Agenda

- I. Update on CareerLink and Criminal contempt court dates**
- II. Hiring Events at Human Services Building 2023**
- III. Update on possible Hiring Event at ACACC**
- IV. Developing a committee seal?**

NOTES:

Jason reported CareerLink attended the first AC Criminal Contempt date on March 21, 2023 and it was successful. They had 8 participants, 4 needed workforce planners, 4 that registered in PA CareerLink, 4 referred to HSB Hiring Event on March 30, 2023. Jason shared the vision of CareerLink to provide career services to individuals that are no more than 15 minutes away and these events are a great way to capture that vision. Kelly Lawver was instrumental in coordinating the logistics. Jason and his staff look forward to the next date on May 23, 2023 and attending all the scheduled events at HSB.

Kelly reported the event on March 30, 2023 was successful. The 4 clients that were referred from criminal contempt were present at the Hiring Event. We had 41 clients listed from DR with 28 attending. 4 outside community members and 7 who were offered employment and accepted. We had a few new employers in attendance at this event who are interested in attending more in the future and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

Barbie reported on the idea to host hiring events quarterly to our justice-involved population at the Prison. The warden is looking to offer the events in June, September and November of this year. The Warden and Kelly had a chance to discuss and duplicate what is already occurring at HSB. Kelly will provide the updated spreadsheet that identifies local employers contact information to Barbie. The current MOU with CareerLink does not outline events but this was a great opportunity to capture this population and expand on the current concept that has proven to be successful at HSB.

The committee members in attendance unanimously voted this was not necessary. Kelly shared that some question who is sponsoring these events, DR, CJAB, County and believed this recommendation may be a way to help clarify. The events are organized by the CJAB Employment Committee to assist those who are involved in the criminal justice system.

Samantha indicated her questions were answered from the previous meeting that victims do not qualify for automatic funding for training but do qualify for employment services offered by PA Careerlink.

Betsy commented this report was impressive and helping so many people.

Kelly concluded the meeting by thanking all the committee members and their participation. The committee continues to identify different stages of those who enter the criminal justice program who need assistance with finding employment. Next meeting will be scheduled in late May or June.