

Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Minutes of the Meeting of April 26, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman St., Lebanon

Present

David J. Arnold, District Attorney and CJAB Chairman; Sally A. Barry, Director of Probation Services and CJAB Vice Chair; Stephanie Axarlis, Court Administrator; Robert Karnes, Warden; James Donmoyer, Director of Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Brian L. Deiderick, Chief Public Defender; Kevin Schrum, Director, MH/ID/EI; Bruce Klingler, Sheriff; Daniel Wright, County Chiefs of Police Association Representative; and John P. Shott, CJAB Planner/Grant Coordinator.

Absent

Honorable John C. Tylwalk, President Judge, Court of Common Pleas; James Holtry, Director of Children and Youth Services; Sarah Primak, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist; Karen Hess, Director of Domestic Relations; Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator; Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner; Kim Mackey, PCCD Regional Representative

Guest

Janine Mauser, MH/ID/EI (CASSP Coordinator)

Chairman David Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m

Minutes of 02/23/2016 CJAB Meeting—Approved as written on a motion by Sheriff Klingler, seconded by Mr. Donmoyer

CJAB Membership—Daniel Wright will continue to serve on the CJAB as the representative of the County Police Chief Association.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- **D.U.I. Court**—No official report. At present, the program is nearing capacity with 66 participants. A graduation ceremony is taking place on June 28th, 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom #1.
- **Veterans' Court**—No report.
- **Prison Overcrowding**—The Average Daily Population (ADP) at the end of March was 496.84. Inmate population on 4-26 is 467. Ms. Barry noted that Adult Probation Officers have not been in the field during March and April, using that time to conduct Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) assessments of offenders.
- **Mental Health**—A fifth and final Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for law enforcement took place on 3-22 at Philhaven, with 22 in attendance. The MHFA grant awarded by PCCC two years ago ended on 3-31. Jayne Miller, one of the instructors from Philhaven, is offering MHFA training to returning citizens

and their families at no charge. This should be of interest to the Reentry Coalition as the members discuss ways of ensuring success for returning citizens.

Mr. Schrum and Ms. Mauser were on hand to discuss the two meetings held by the Mental Health Committee since the February CJAB meeting. These meetings focused on the feasibility of establishing an “Adult CASSP” program in the County. Mr. Schrum and Ms. Mauser presented an “Adult CASSP flow chart” detailing a process to be followed from the time an individual is charged with a crime to the time the Court disposes of that offender’s case. Holding one two-hour meeting per month could be a suitable starting point or pilot for this new system. Violent offenders would not be part of the system, at least not at the outset. Although the committee has agreed that any CJAB member could make a referral as part of their involvement with the criminal justice system, it is assumed that most referrals will come from either the Public Defender’s Office/defense counsel or Warden Karnes. Members agreed that the new program should be named something other than “Adult CASSP.”

CJAB DEPARTMENTS: REPORTS AND ISSUES OF INTEREST

Unified Case Management—No report.

Intermediate Punishment (IP) Funding for FY 2016-2018—Mr. Shott has submitted the application to PCCD for continued funding of Renaissance-Crossroads and Electronic Monitoring. This is two-year grant with a budget of \$1.3 million, the maximum amount designated for Lebanon County. A CJAB support letter signed by Mr. Arnold and Ms. Barry on behalf of the Board was submitted with the grant application, as required by PCCD.

Funding for Pretrial Drug and Alcohol Programs—Application for this grant is due on May 16th and also requires a letter of support from the CJAB. Under this competitive grant, PCCD will make seven awards in September for two-year programs starting 10-1-16. The county plans to apply for approximately \$236,000, the maximum amount allowed, to hire: 1) a Treatment Coordinator who will conduct assessments on offenders when brought to Central Booking to determine whether they are eligible for pretrial diversion; and 2) an additional Adult PO to supervise offenders qualifying for the pretrial program. On a motion by Warden Karnes, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted to endorse the application and authorized Mr. Arnold and Ms. Barry to sign a letter of support on behalf of the CJAB.

Strategic Plan and Offender Reentry—The Strategic Plan for Offender Reentry approved by the CJAB and the Reentry Coalition in February has been submitted to PCCD. The Coalition and Executive Committee continue to meet, discussing means of implementing the plan’s goals and objectives. Still uncertain is whether Compass Mark will serve as the Coalition’s fiscal agent and enable the Coalition to use that organization’s 501c3 status. Compass Mark has experienced a recent change in leadership, and the interim CEO has not issued any comment or decision regarding this matter.

CJAB Conference—Mr. Shott attended the Spring CJAB Conference held April 12-13 in State College. The theme of this year’s event was “Pretrial and Reentry: Balancing Justice and Treatment for Community Safety.”

Heroin Task Force—The Task Force met on April 15th, with the next meeting scheduled for July 15th. Sub-committees of the task force have also been meeting to discuss specific issues to bring before the full group. Mr. Donmoyer reported that the Task Force now has a budget of \$7,000, including \$1,000 from CABHC and \$6,000 from the \$27,000 awarded by the Governor’s Office to Drug and Alcohol. To date, the county has recorded three overdose-related deaths; one other person is currently on life support. Mr. Donmoyer is using funding to supply naloxone kits to the LCCF (5), Probation Services (25) and Drug and Alcohol (5). The number of ER visits for drug-related issues has been going down over the past few months. An Information Night was held on April 21st at the Recovery Center, 701 Chestnut St.

Naloxone Grant—PCCD has ended the grant awarded last year for the purchase of naloxone kits for Probation Services and the LCCF. Due to the State Budget impasse, PCCD could not guarantee reimbursement for purchases of these kits. PCCD has, however, transferred grant dollars to the PA Chiefs of Police Chief Association, which is authorized to provide kits to counties upon request. Mr. Shott will be in contact with Chris Braun of the Association to discuss the process. Probation officers and other staff members at Probation Services are taking the online training on how to use naloxone to reverse an overdose.

OTHER UPDATES FROM CJAB DEPARTMENTS

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Barry noted that the Reentry Coalition has been discussing the feasibility and importance of establishing the 2-1-1 system in Lebanon County. She requested that the CJAB consider taking a position in support of 2-1-1 and communicating that support to the County Commissioners. Estimated start-up cost is \$21,000, with a cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000 to maintain the system in years two and three. Members discussed the directories and information outlets now available for those who need assistance. The Board agreed to invite Mr. Kenny Montijo, CEO of United Way of Lebanon County, and Mr. James Rimel of Crisis Intervention to attend the June 28th CJAB meeting to give presentations on the roles their agencies play in providing information.

With no further business to address, Chairman Arnold declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Barry, seconded by Warden Karnes.

NEXT CJAB MEETING: Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 11:00 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman Street.