

Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Minutes of the Meeting of June 28, 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; Stephanie Axarlis, Court Administrator; Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner; Jamie Wolgemuth, County 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; Sarah Primak, Veterans' Justice Outreach Specialist; Karen Hess, Director of Domestic Relations; Daniel Wright, County Chiefs of Police Association Representative; James Holtry, Director of Children and Youth Services; and John P. Shott, CJAB Planner/Grant Coordinator.

Absent

Honorable John C. Tylwalk, President Judge, Court of Common Pleas; Sally A. Barry, Director of Probation Services and CJAB Vice Chair; Kim Mackey, PCCD Regional Representative

Guest

James Rimel, Crisis Intervention; Kenny Montijo and Brooke Smith, United Way of Lebanon County; Janine Mauser, CASSP.

Chairman David Arnold called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes of 04/26/2016 CJAB Meeting—Approved as written on a motion by Sheriff Klingler, seconded by Ms. Axarlis.

Introduction of Guests—Chairman Arnold introduced the guests: Mr. James Rimel, Director of Crisis Intervention; Mr. Kenny Montijo, Executive Director of United Way of Lebanon County; and Brooke Smith, Director of Community Impact, United Way of Lebanon County. These individuals had been invited to the meeting to give presentations on the roles their agencies play in providing information and what the future holds for a 2-1-1 system in the county.

Mr. Rimel noted that the actual name of his agency is Crisis Intervention Information and Referral Services. He discussed the agency's intensive case management, walk-in-clinic, suicide-prevention efforts, involvement with the overdose issue, etc. Suggestion from Mr. Donmoyer of Drug and Alcohol that Crisis Intervention should get involved with all overdose-related cases as part of a "warm handoff" approach to referrals. Mr. Rimel also noted that 95 percent of his funding comes from the county, mainly through agreements with MH/ID/EI.

Mr. Montijo informed everyone that the United Way is adopting a partnership model in 2016 that focuses on outcomes among the agencies and organizations receiving United Way funding. The organization is now engaged in a community needs assessment as part of this model. Ms. Smith serves as the liaison to the United Way's partner agencies. Mr. Montijo acknowledged the importance of establishing a 2-1-1 system in Lebanon County. In most states across the nation, a 2-1-1 system is a statewide system. However, Pennsylvania's system is divided into six regions each served by a dedicated call center. Lebanon County is part of the 2-1-1 East Region, with the call center in Lancaster County. Mr. Montijo estimated that establishing the system in

Lebanon County would cost \$70,000 over a three-year period. This would not involve setting up a formal call center in the county; Lancaster County would continue to serve in that capacity as part of a collaborative arrangement. United Way Board members are holding a retreat in July. The 2-1-1 system for the county will be a topic of discussion at that event, though no formal decision will be made.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- **D.U.I. Court**—Ms. Axarlis reported that 67 offenders are currently participating in the program. A graduation ceremony was held this morning during the regular DUI Court session. Eight of the 14 graduates were present.
- **Veterans' Court**—No report.
- **Prison Overcrowding**—Warden Karnes reported that the Average Daily Population (ADP) at the end of May was 484.26. The ADP from January to the present has been 497.37. The average length of stay for an inmate is 45 days. A naloxone policy is now in place at the LCCF, with kits furnished by Drug and Alcohol.
- **Mental Health**—Mr. Schrum and Ms. Mauser reported that progress is being made toward implementing the “Adult CASSP” program in the County. The next steps include getting a core team together, contacting key persons, and developing a referral form.

CJAB DEPARTMENTS: REPORTS AND ISSUES OF INTEREST

Unified Case Management—No report.

Intermediate Punishment (IP)-Crossroads Funding for FY 2016-2018—The original grant budget of \$1.3 million had to be reduced by \$73,125 due to the high demand for IP funding across the Commonwealth. The revised budget still designates approximately 90 percent of grant funding for PA Counseling to administer the successful Renaissance-Crossroads program.

Funding for Pretrial Drug and Alcohol Programs—The grant application was submitted to PCCD on May 16th. Under this competitive grant, PCCD will make seven awards in September for two-year programs starting 10-1-16. The application is 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.

Grant Application for MST “Bridge Funding”—Grant application in the amount of \$46,058 was submitted to PCCD June 24th. Funds will be used to pay for Multisystemic Therapy (MST) for juvenile offenders during the “bridge period” while offenders’ families apply for Medical Assistance. MST is an evidence-based approach to counseling that involves families, schools, and other entities that impact juveniles’ lives. This is viewed as an effective alternative to costly out-of-county placement. PA Counseling Services has a contract with MH/ID/EI to provide MST to eligible offenders who are referred by Probation Services.

PCCD Technical Assistance Grant—Lebanon County is eligible to apply for up to \$1,500 in “mini-grant” funding for special projects. During the past two years, this funding was used to pay for ads in

the Merchandiser as part of the county's ongoing suicide-prevention campaign. Chairman Arnold urged the members to contact John Shott about any recommendations for using this funding while it is still available.

Day Reporting Center—GEO Reentry Services and PA Counseling Services have given presentations to the County Commissioners about establishing a Day Reporting Center in the county. Youth Advocate Programs is also scheduled to make a presentation to the Commissioners in July.

Strategic Plan and Offender Reentry—The Offender Reentry Coalition and the Coalition Executive Committee continue to meet. Mr. Deiderick, who serves as Chair of the Executive Committee, reported that sub-committees are being formed to examine the goals/objectives and to develop strategies for implementing them. The Coalition's focus has changed somewhat as the work of the Coalition proceeds, but the main mission remains unchanged: finding ways to ensure success for returning citizens.

The County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) and PCCD are sponsoring a one-day Reentry Workshop on 9-27-16 at the Days Inn in State College.

Heroin Task Force—Mr. Donmoyer reported five overdose deaths, to date, in 2016. September is National Recovery Month, and the task force is planning an event at HACC-Lebanon at a date and time TBA. The event will enable members of the public to go to computers made available by HACC and take an online training in how to administer naloxone; 40 naloxone kits have been ordered to distribute to those who successfully complete the training.

OTHER UPDATES FROM CJAB DEPARTMENTS

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Schrum reported that 12 suicides have been recorded in the County during the first six months of 2016, indicating an upward trend from the 2015 total of 13 for the entire year. No explanation for this disturbing increase.

With no further business to address, Chairman Arnold declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. on a motion by Warden Karnes, seconded by Ms. Axarlis.

NEXT CJAB MEETING: Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 11:00 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman Street.