

Adams County CJAB Behavioral Health Sub-Committee
Monday, July 27, 2026

On Monday, July 27, 2026, the Adams County CJAB Behavioral Health Sub-Committee was held at 2:00pm, in the Adams County Human Services Building Conference Rooms

In Attendance: Barbie Taylor, Heather Jordan, Sherri Hansen, Neil Burkholder, Kristi Fields, Abraham Mahdally, Allison Shipley, Maddison Shimmel, Melissa Janicki, Derek Hartman, Joselin Hernandez-Gutierrez, Lucien Qually, Matt Moon, Lindsey Ringquist, and Dan Barbagello

Welcome: Director Barbie Taylor called the meeting to order.

New Member Introductions: Matt Moon – Gettysburg Borough
Abraham “Abe” Mahdally – WellSpan Crisis, Co-Responder

Co-Responder Program Oversight

- Interviews are occurring for two positions.
- Began using new data sheets to identify specific needs of the departments.
- Policies are now in place for the departments.
- Goal is for the co-responder to be able to do more in the moment of contact in addition to the follow-up.
- For safety reasons, a target of obtaining a channel on radios for the Adams Co. Co-responder was mentioned.

CIT Steering Committee

- A steering committee would be made up of representatives from law enforcement, mental health/behavioral health, and a peer advocacy group. First step is reaching out to NAMI again since they had some administrative changes.
- Adams Co. and York Co. will begin assisting each other with CIT classes to ensure a regular offering of the course.
- CIT will be one of the first courses officers will receive after they complete the academy in Cumberland Township.

Strategic Planning

- Top three barriers: Lack of mental health/behavioral health resources, housing and transportation.

- Mental Health/Behavioral Health resources: Need is for additional Providers to eliminate the long waitlists and ensure consistency in services as identified below:
 - Psychiatrists
 - Providers who accept Medical Assistance
 - Autism Services
 - Family-Based Services/MST
 - Sexual Offender Counseling
- Housing: Need to address concerns of restrictions with housing programs.
- Transportation: Need to address barriers of expanding transportation services to the rural parts of Adams County.
- Initial Plan of Action:
 - MHIDD, Probation and ACACC will collect data on the number of cases with mental health conditions where services are a barrier to gauge what is needed to meet the needs of the clients. (Data to be shared at next meeting)
 - Engagement with local Providers and Providers from surrounding jurisdictions to provide data-backed needs to encourage additional services.
 - Re-engage with @Home Adams County and the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization (ACTPO) to discuss specific needs of the justice-involved population and their families.
- Additional information discussed:
 - Kristi has begun initial discussions with the new CEO of True North Wellness, Steven Schedler. The goal is to attempt an expansion of services needed in the county with the possible use of HSB as a “hub” for services.
 - Allison explained that most funding for assistance with housing is now linked to treatment services, which can be complicated if services do not exist in our county and/or the individual in need does not have a diagnosis where treatment is necessary.
 - Lindsey suggested that a forum be created for smaller grantees who can discuss possible partnerships/collaboration of services to meet their overarching needs.
 - Neil handed out the new county resource guides, which were well received by the committee members.