

Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

Thursday, April 27, 2023

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, the regularly scheduled CJAB meeting was held via Microsoft Teams (Video) at noon.

In attendance:

Judge Wagner
Jim Martin
Marty Qually
Katy Hileman
Gale Kendall
Tony Little
Don Fennimore

Phillip Walter
Casey Darling-Horan
Frank Scherer
Chip Guise
Kristi Fields
Neil Burkholder
Barbie Taylor

Welcome

Neil Burkholder called the meeting to order. Neil had been asked to lead the meeting in that both Chairman, Judge Campbell, and Vice Chair, Commissioner Phiel, were unable to attend the meeting.

PCCD Announcements & report

Frank Scherer (Central Pennsylvania CCAP Criminal Justice Advisory Board Specialist) informed that the Pennsylvania Stepping Up Conference will be held on May 23, 2023, in Harrisburg. Due to limited space, it is asked that only two representatives from each County register for the conference. In addition to several grants that are currently open through PCCD, the Intermediate Punishment Treatment programs grant is due on May 15, 2023. PCCD recently released a new “PCCD Fiscal Grants Management Training” video resource on PCCD YouTube channel. This video was developed by the Office of Financial Management and Administration (OFMA) and offers tips for successfully managing grants and covers some frequently asked questions. This video is intended to assist Counties when reporting progress and updates involving grants that have been awarded. PCCD anticipates multiple medication assisted treatment (MAT) funding opportunities this year, covering varying MATs.

Frank further reported that this will be his last meeting as our representative. He recently accepted another position within PCCD that is located closer to his home in western Pennsylvania.

Commissioner’s Report

Commissioner Martin informed the group that he is very proud to report that the jail is in full compliance following their state inspection. This is important in many areas, but County Liability Insurance can be rated based on this inspection report. There is currently carpentry work being done at the Department of Emergency Services building. This work is being completed in anticipation of moving the Election office to that building. This will allow that office to have more room for staff and storage in addition to being in a more secure environment. This move will not be occurring prior to the Primary Election but it is hopefully to be finished in time for the General Election.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

Neil reported that early this week, due to time constraints, the IP grant that Probation completed and sent to the Voting members of the Board to approve the submission. Gale Kendall reported that the grant included both the cost of the Drug and Alcohol evaluations as well as online DUI classes that were occurring at the jail. However, the costs of the evaluations for the next fiscal year were more than the amount of grant monies that Adams County could apply. If the grant is approved, Adams County will solely be utilizing the grants funding for those evaluations.

Committee Reports:

Behavioral Health Committee Report – Barbie Taylor represented Warden Hileman

Barbie reported that the committee met with the “Julota” representative via video demonstration. The committee will be discussing the presentation at the next committee meeting. It is hopeful that a report can then be made to the entire CJAB as to what “Julota” can provide for both staff and clients.

Housing Committee Report – Kristi Fields

Kristi Fields stated that there is nothing new to report at this time other than it is hopeful that the committee can regroup within the next few weeks to get back on track with the survey.

Technology Committee Report – Chip Guise

Chip reported that there currently has not been a replacement appointed for his position as chairperson for the committee. Work is continuing to be made regarding Virtual Warrants. The Committee is hopeful that an update can be made at the next CJAB meeting in relation to Virtual Warrants.

Employment Committee Report – Kelly Carothers

Kelly was unable to attend the meeting. However, she passed along notes to Neil. The notes stated the committee last met on April 17, 2023. The majority of this meeting was spent on understanding CareerLink’s new involvement with the County’s Contempt Court. CareerLink was present at the March 21st Contempt Court. Several defendants from that Court registered in PA CareerLink. Several other defendants were referred to the next Hiring event at the Human Service Building. CareerLink also is schedule to be present for the next Contempt Court on May 23, 2023.

Barbie added that the Jail is intending to utilize CareerLink and plans a Hiring Event at the Jail facility for the inmate population. An initial meeting with CareerLink for this Event has been set and it is anticipated that the Jail may hold this event on a quarterly basis.

Other Business:

Casey Darling-Horan reported that the Co-Responder is currently working in Cumberland Township and Gettysburg Borough. It is also available to assist Carrol Valley and Conowago. She is currently working with those departments and there has been some strong and positive responses from Cumberland Township so far. Since this is a very new initiative, she continues to work with each of these departments defining the program’s role. Just this week, they met with the State Police to review the Co-Responder model. The Co-Responder has been in her position for approximately two (2) months.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 23, 2023, at noon.
A motion was made and approved for the adjournment.