

Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
Thursday, August 13, 2026

On Thursday, August 13, 2026, the regularly scheduled CJAB meeting was held at noon in the Adams County Human Services Building Conference Rooms

In attendance:

Judge Simpson, Warden Hileman, Commissioner Martin, Kristi Fields, Amie Mather, Rachel Schreck, Lt. Burns, Jessica Coy, Phil Walter, Tiffani Kleiser, Christopher Murphy, David Woodring, Neil Burkholder,

Welcome:

Judge Simpson welcomed everyone. She also welcomed Rachel Schreck, Court Administrator, to CJAB for her first meeting.

Presentation – David Woodring, Community Reentry Parole Agent, Department of Reentry Operations
Department of Corrections, York Sub Office davwoodrin@pa.gov.

Dave has 19 years' experience with 6 years of reentry in York, Adams, Franklin and Cumberland counties. He is part of the New Release Organization group. Highest priority is to touch base with newly released as well as newly transferred individuals to county. The group provides sanctions, local resources available to them. He shows them how/who to contact and what is expected with supervision and explains that they are there to help them not to send them back to jail.

He runs various classes on budgeting and credit classes. He also runs several CBP programs using Carey guides, an online program designed to help them get on track and succeed. It is for the high-risk population, based on an assessment, for them to make changes. Dave wants to be a resource as he would have more time available to point clients in the right direction. He does reentry simulations with the DOC Academy- one every other month. He needs approximately 26 volunteers for these effect reentry simulations.

Amie Mathers asked about a child support component regarding keeping up with payments to avoid future jail time. Dave said they touch on that issue.

Dave spends a lot more time in York County. He does job fairs, resource fairs and will make himself available. The best resource is the budging programs.

Kristi Fields asked for the number of Adams County people who go to York for services and asked if transportation is an issue. Dave said that there is not a lot. There are two (2) dedicated agents that cover Adams County who monitors the Adams County individuals.

PCCD Announcements & report_- Christopher Murphy

Events for CJAB Member Consideration

2026 PA Association of Treatment Court Professionals Conference – Oct. 7 – 10, 2026, Penn Stater •
Registration and Info: PA Treatment Court Conference

2026 PA Gun Violence Prevention Symposium, – October 13th, Keystone Building Meeting Center, Harrisburg.

2026 Crisis Intervention Team Conference – October 26 – 27, 2026, Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA •
Registration and Info: CIT Conference

2026-2027 Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program Initiative – Applications Due Sept. 3, 2026

CJAB Technical assistance mini-grants are expected sometime this Summer, typically around \$2,000. They are first-come, first-served until the funds are depleted and are designed to cover the cost of small research, strategic planning, training, and other projects for CJABs and their stakeholders.

JNET Announcements - *Amelia Marsh*

None

Commissioners Report – *Commissioner Martin*

York County Crisis Walk-In center is open and is working well. There have been 491 people who went to the center since July 2026. 472 had Services diverted. The average stay was 2.3 hours. 92% diversion as of this morning.

Adams County Crisis Walk-In center is scheduled to open September 22nd. There have been building issues that have been overcome. A new hand-off team is now Wellspan, has been contracted. There is a 1-hour response parameters for hand off. There was a change of name for POST, Post overdose team to PIRT, Post Intervention Response Team.

He recommended two individuals who he would like to see make a presentation here at CJAB. Will Hudson and Paul Johnson are good resources from the Adams County Rescue Mission to help us navigate programs. Judge Simpson encouraged Commissioner Martin to reach out to them.

Old Business

Neil reported on several items that have been presented to the Board in between the last meeting and today.

Center for Youth & Community Development (Collaborating for Youth) - SAMHSA grant

On June 24, 2026, Neil was contacted by Center for Youth and Community Development, the home of Collaborating for Youth (Coalition) requesting a letter of support from our CJAB as they were applying for funding from SAMHSA to support our coalition's youth prevention work in Adams County. Focus areas are youth alcohol use prevention, vaping prevention, and overarching work to build protective factors and reduce risk behaviors in our communities. The total amount for the grant award, if funded, will be \$250,000 per year for 5 years. Funds will be used for staff supporting the coalition, youth prevention education materials, positive messaging campaigns, and radio / streaming, efforts to reduce youth access to alcohol and vapes, and other prevention projects to be determined.

Since there was an extremely short turn-around for this request, an email vote was enacted and subsequently the request was approved and on June 26, 2026, a Letter of Support was provided.

“Counties Aligning Health and Safety” initiative

On May 28, 2026, independently and without the other being aware, the Warden and Neil participated in a webinar titled “The Critical Window: A New Behavioral Health Framework to Address Needs After Jail Booking”. This nationwide presentation was put together through the Council of State Government (CGS) and Arnold Ventures. Towards the end of this webinar, it was made known that an initiative was being offered to 10 to 12 counties within the United States to “receive **free**, direct technical assistance to help them select and implement interventions best suited to their local context, data, and system capacity.”

This was not a grant but instead a **free** opportunity to receive “hands-on support to identify evidence-informed behavioral health and legal interventions best suited for our community.” This initiative is being offered by the Council of State Governments with financial support from Arnold Ventures. Only 10-12 counties across the entire United States will be offered the opportunity to participate. We believe if Adams County were to be selected, this opportunity could benefit us as it aligns with our CJAB Strategic Plan. Obtaining free technical support from having an outside expert to assess our current landscape at the intersection of the justice system

and behavioral health and the tools to evaluate potential system-wide improvements intersects with statewide initiatives in this area. The application to apply was due **Friday, July 31, 2026**.

After consulting with Judge Simpson, it was determined that we could move forward by requesting a letter of support from the CJAB. An email vote beginning on July 1, 2026, was held and later approved. The application to participate in the initiative was completed on July 21, 2026. It is anticipated that the Counties will be selected and notified by the end of August.

2025-2026 CJAB Technical Assistance Mini-Grants

Last fall our CJAB was made aware that the annual CJAB Technical Assistance Mini-Grants would soon become available. To prepare for this, a small group was formed to put together ideas as to how this could benefit Adams County. This group included Judge Simpson, the Warden, Kristi Fields and Neil. It was decided that it would be very helpful for a small community resource guide to be printed for individuals who are being released from Jail to the community as well as individuals under the supervision of the Probation Department who currently reside in the community. If Adams would receive this grant, there is a maximum of \$2,000 that could be awarded. This could help us to have approximately 2,000 guides printed. We would put together a list of primary resources for different types of emergency situations. This list would act as a guide, providing the support and access needed when one of life's complications arise. We believe that through these primary contacts, the individuals could then be directed to specific programs/services who could address the more specific issue(s). In addition to providing contact information to address emergencies or urgent scenarios, information would be provided on where to look for answers and assistance when certain life challenges occur. Some of these answers may sound obvious. However, when new/unforeseen obstacles occur in life, having a resource guide as a reference tool can help alleviate some of the anxiety, allowing the justice-involved individual to focus on the solution rather than dwelling on the problem.

Finally, this resource guide would also list necessary paperwork/documents that are needed for normal tasks throughout life and how to obtain them. Local criminal justice stakeholders often report similar concerns when working with justice-involved people. They routinely do not have access to, nor know how to obtain, vital records such as their driver's license or identification card, social security card, or birth certificate. To reapply for these documents and receive them takes several weeks. This alone is a critical barrier when attempting to obtain necessary services during an emergency or crisis. Besides listing these documents, the resource guide will describe how to store and easily locate these documents when they are needed.

We applied for the grant in October, and we made aware late last year that we were approved. Through a lot of work by several staff at the jail, the Resource guide was created and finally in June we received them. Neil gave each attendee their own copy of this guide.

Committee Reports:

CJAB Governance Committee – Judge Simpson

Judge Simpson has looked at our bi-laws. She reported that they are dated and need to be updated. There are some items that we are doing and some we are not. We need to review the lists for both voting members and non-voting members. The Judge will be reviewing and making recommended changes by next meeting.

Behavioral Health Committee Report – Warden Hileman

The Committee continues to work with the Strategic plan to optimize solutions to identify gaps and barriers. Mini summit will be in Franklin County November 16th for regional 3 mtg. Half-day mtg. The Statewide meeting for 2027 will be December 13 and 14, 2027

Diversion Committee – *Neil Burkholder*

We have not met since the last meeting. We are currently in a slight holding pattern as the committee wished to set up a visit with Cumberland County staff to review some of the diversion programs that they currently have in place and to determine if there would be anything that we could borrow and possibly implement here in Adams County. As you can imagine, especially during the summer months it has been difficult to a time for staff from both Counties to get together. It is hopeful that we will be able to arrange this visit within the next month or two. When the date and time is arranged, Neil will send an email out to you to invite you to attend. We believe it would be helpful for as many people to attend from different departments who may have different perspectives.

Judge Simpson and Judge Wagner were approached by a Judge on the Supreme court. They were encouraged to York County to see their Treatment Court.

New Business/Discussion/Committee Business:

Other Business:

None

Conclusion:

Dates for 2026 CJAB Meetings

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Presenter - Kim Neeb, Wellspan ACT Team

Thursday, December 10, 2026

Presenter - Jen Baney, Behavioral Health Taskforce for Healthy Adams County, Climbing Mountains Consulting and Songbird Counseling Services

Meeting Adjourned.