

2015 Criminal Justice Advisory Board Conference
“Bridging Systems: Connecting Criminal Justice, Behavioral Health & Treatment”
March 25 – 26, 2015
Days Inn, Penn State

Session Descriptions
Wednesday, March 25, 2015

8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Morning Plenary Sessions

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Lunch (with Speaker)

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

York County Target 25 Repeat DUI Offender Program

Presenters: Honorable John Kennedy, Tim Barker, Esq., and Mr. Michael L. Stough

The York County Target 25 program is the early identification, placement, and pretrial supervision of second and subsequent offense DUI offenders. Target 25 uses 24/7 concepts, and is a perfect complement to DUI treatment courts. The program is a CJAB initiative with partnerships between the District Attorney’s Office, the Court of Common Pleas, the minor judiciary, local law enforcement, the Sheriff’s Department, the Adult Probation Department, the Clerk of Courts and the local defense bar. The program emphasizes sobriety and rewards voluntary early treatment, enabling early identification and placement in the county’s DUI court program and other diversionary sentencing programs. As a result of early identification and treatment involvement, outcomes have improved, the public is protected and cases move more efficiently through the Criminal Justice System resulting in significant cost savings. In 2014, the Target 25 program was awarded the prestigious Peter K. O’Rourke Special Achievement Award from the Governor’s Highway Safety Association for outstanding highway safety accomplishments.

How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses-Divided into Part I & II

Presenters: Ms. Jennifer Lopez-Cerrato and Ms. Angela Linden, LCSW

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Stress, Trauma and PTSD

Presenter: Carl Dawson, M.S., M.A.C.

This session is designed for professionals working with individuals diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorders in conjunction with co-occurring substance use. This presentation will explore current research, theoretical and clinical information regarding the impact and recovery issues surrounding substance use and trauma. Particular emphasis will be placed upon reviewing current biological findings in reference to the trauma victim. The conclusion of the presentation will focus on specific treatment intervention techniques found most effective with this clinical population.

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 Session Descriptions - Continued

Results of Cross System Mappings from Across the Commonwealth

Presenters: Patty Griffin, Ph.D., Katy Winckworth-Prejsnar MPH, and Mr. Jim Hudack

The Center of Excellence (CoE) will provide workshop summarizing and integrating information obtained from the nearly 40 Cross-System Mapping (CSM) workshops that have been provided to Pennsylvania counties since 2010. Each CSM is summarized in a detailed final report that identifies gaps, opportunities, and decisions made by the county in light of their interest in diversion, their selection of one or more intercepts, and their particular practices. To date, however, this information has not been aggregated. By reviewing all final reports from mapped counties, this presentation will offer an overview of commonly-encountered challenges and effective responses. It will also summarize outcome data obtained following each CSM. It should be useful both for counties considering CSM and post-CSM counties in the implementation phase of their diversion plan.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Keystone Crisis Intervention Team

Presenter: Ms. Angela Keen

Do you understand the impact of trauma and how it affects your workplace and community? Is your organization prepared with the necessary skills to cope with community crisis? Do you know where to turn for help and how to respond? In this session, you will learn about the impact of trauma on organizations and about the statewide crisis response team, Keystone Crisis Intervention Team (KCIT). You will be provided with information about KCIT services and how and when KCIT responds to communities in crisis. KCIT is a grant funded project through PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency and was started in the late 1990's to provide free crisis services to victims of crime in the Commonwealth.

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Building Housing Opportunities

Facilitator: Mr. James Turner

Panelists: Honorable Preston Boop, Mr. Bruce Quigley, Mr. Rich Kisner, Ms. Kelly Evans, and Ms. Barbara Warunek.

Until very recently, Criminal Justice Advisory Boards (CJABs) and Housing Authorities had no connection to one another. But thanks to some bold leadership at the state and local level, brave innovators who refuse to accept stereotypes, the walls are coming down. This session will bring meaningful discussion on second chances through housing for the justice-involved population. This interactive session will highlight successful county partnerships and state strategies for stakeholders to discuss the challenges that currently exist and opportunities to enhance community safety.

Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing- Risk Assessment Tool

Presenters: Cynthia Kempinen, Ph.D., Barry Ruback, Ph.D., and Leigh Tinik

Act 95 of 2010 required the Commission on Sentencing to develop a risk assessment tool for use by courts at sentencing. To address this mandate, the Commission has undertaken a research project to identify factors that predict recidivism. An initial risk assessment tool was developed for Level 3 and 4 offenders of the sentencing guidelines [mid-level seriousness]. The Commission is currently finishing a follow-up project that is developing a risk tool for all offenders. This session will provide information on the background of the project, the preliminary risk assessment tool, and the implementation of the risk tool.
