

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

***Wednesday, March 25, 2015 Afternoon Breakout Sessions***

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

**York County Target 25 Repeat DUI Offender Program**

*Presenters: Honorable John Kennedy, Judge Court of Common Pleas, Tim Barker, Esquire, 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 and Ms. Angela Linden, LCSW*

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**Post Traumatic Stress Disorders with the Substance Using Population**

*Presenter: Mr. 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.

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**Results of Cross System Mappings from Across the Commonwealth**

*Presenters: Patty Griffin, Ph.D., Ms. Katy Winckworth-Prejsnar 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:*

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: Ms. Cynthia Kempinen, Ph.D. and Mr. Barry Ruback, Ph.D.*

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.

***Thursday, March 26, 2015 Plenary Sessions***

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Courts and Veterans Diversion Efforts**

*Facilitator: Ms. Karen Blackburn*

This panel session is comprised of representatives from various counties in an interactive discussion of Veterans Courts and diversion programs. Panelists include the Honorable Michael Barrasse, Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas; the Honorable John Adams, Berks County District Attorney; Angela Fox-Holtzapple, Esquire, York County Public Defender’s Office; Stephan Todd, Veteran’s Mentor Coordinator, Butler County Veterans Court; Ms. Kim Sapolis Lacey, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Medical Center; Mr. Robert O’Brien, Allegheny County Adult Probation; and Ms. Stephanie Landes, Treatment Court Coordinator, Montgomery County Adult Probation Department.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 pm.

**How Treatment Works; How Treatment Fails**

*Presenters: Secretary Gary Tennis and Mr. Ken Martz, Ph.D.*

This session will cover a range of information on the current risks of alcohol and drugs in the Commonwealth, and its relationship with crime and recidivism. In addition, this session will examine relevant issues in treatment best practices for this population, different approaches (diversion, pretrial, etc.) and actions for next steps in a coordinated approach to address this concern.

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1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Jail Project**

*Presenters: Mr. Steve Seitchik and Ms. Nicole Salvo*

Since 2012, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Department of Human Services and Single County Authorities have been collaborating to provide expedited Medical Assistance benefits and transportation directly to treatment facilities for inmates who are in need, and are released upon condition of residential substance abuse treatment. “The Jail Project” began as a pilot in Armstrong and Clarion Counties and has since been rolled out to Indiana, Lycoming, Clinton, Berks, and Dauphin Counties. In 2013, it received a COMCARE HealthChoices Award for County Collaboration. This session provides information about the pilot project, including the processes developed and how it may be implemented in other counties.

2:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

**Leveraging Health Care Reform to Benefit the Criminal Justice System**

*Presenter: Ms. Maureen Barden*

Health care reform, especially the Medicaid expansion which went into effect on January 1, 2015, has great potential to benefit county and state criminal justice systems. Counties can reduce their jail populations by using Medicaid funds to divert pretrial detainees into treatment; sentenced individuals can be linked to care upon release, improving their chances of a successful reentry. Criminal justice stakeholders can lead the way in taking advantage of the new health care landscape to improve outcomes and reduce costs.

2:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Re-entry- Is Everybody’s Business**

This Plenary session will explore how Re-entry Coalitions move from creating a plan, to service delivery, to identifying and collaboratively addressing systemic issues. During the session, you will hear from experts on re-entry planning; implementing re-entry focused projects; and how to make policy changes to help reduce barriers and improve outcomes for returning citizens. This session will include the following topics and panelists:

- **NeuroResource Facilitation for Ex-Offenders with Brain Injury: Project Findings and Outcomes Data**

*Panelists: Ms. Monica Vaccaro, and Mr. Drew Nagele, PsyD.*

The Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania, through Byrne Justice Assistance Grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, is conducting a demonstration project at SCI Graterford to identify individuals with cognitive impairment due to brain injury who are nearing release, and connect them with specialized supports in the community to maximize a successful re-entry. This session will summarize results of screening and neurocognitive testing performed with individuals in the project, provide an in-depth description of the model of NeuroResource Facilitation pre- and post-release, and present outcome data for those project participants living in the community. Case examples to illustrate the components of this innovative re-entry initiative will be provided.

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- **Chester County Re-entry**

*Panelist: Mr. William D. Burrell*

Effective re-entry initiatives require strong and effective collaboration across agencies and organizations. No one agency owns re-entry and no one agency can implement it. It is critical to build an effective collaboration of key stakeholders and constituents to develop consensus on, and then design and implement the many elements of effective re-entry. The recently completed *Strategic Plan for Re-entry in Chester County* provides an excellent example of the development and operation of a collaborative partnership for re-entry.

- **Employment Opportunity & Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania (EOTC)**

*Panelist: Sharon McCrone, Ph.D.*

EOTC Executive Director Sharon McCrone will discuss the agency’s long time collaborative history with the Lackawanna County CJAB and one of EOTC’s most recent projects, the Women in Transition Program. Through its current strategic plan, Lackawanna County CJAB identified significant gaps in re-entry services, particularly for women. Subsequently, two PCCD funded Women in Transition projects beginning in 2012, have directly addressed those gaps through assessment, education/skill enhancement, case management and other support services.