

2016 Criminal Justice Advisory Board Conference
Pre-trial and Reentry: Balancing Justice and Treatment for Community Safety
The Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center, State College
April 12-13, 2016

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 Session Descriptions

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Morning Plenary Sessions

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Plenary Session

Presenter: Dr. Edward Latessa

Dr. Edward Latessa is a national expert on the use of evidence-based practices in the field of criminal justice. His areas of expertise include, among others, offender risk assessment, correctional rehabilitation and program evaluation. He currently serves as both Director and Professor of the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati and previously served as President of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (1989-90). Dr. Latessa is co-author of eight books including *What Works (and Doesn't) in Reducing Recidivism*, *Corrections in the Community*, and *Corrections in America*. He has both directed research projects and published over 150 works on day reporting centers, juvenile justice programs, drug courts, prison programs, intensive supervision programs, halfway houses, and drug programs. Working with his staff, he assessed over 600 correctional programs throughout the United States and he has provided assistance and workshops in 48 states. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and in 2013 he was identified as one of the most innovative people in criminal justice by a national survey conducted by the Center for Court Innovation in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the U.S. Department of Justice. Dr. Latessa received his Ph.D. and M.A. from The John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University and B.S. in humanities education at Ohio State University.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Awards Luncheon

Honorable Linda K.M. Ludgate

CJAB Excellence in Leadership Award

Luncheon Keynote

From Blackout Girl to State Victim Advocate

Ms. Jennifer Storm

Jennifer will share her personal experiences as a child victim of sexual assault, the dangerous ten year path of addiction that ensued and how and why our systems need to focus on rehabilitation. She will highlight the importance of problem solving courts, multidiscipline approaches and evidence based practices as necessary tools in making sure justice involved people with addiction are given opportunities outside the prison cell to improve their lives and restore the harm they have caused victims and their communities.

Governor Tom Corbett nominated Jennifer Storm as Commonwealth Victim Advocate on Nov. 8, 2013, and she was confirmed by the state Senate on Dec. 10, 2013, to serve a six-year term. As Victim Advocate, she is responsible for representing the rights and interests of crime victims before the Board of Probation and Parole and the Department of Corrections and to provide notification to crime victims of the potential for inmate release, opportunity to provide testimony, and notification of the inmate's movement within the correctional system. Further, Ms. Storm is responsible for advocating the interests of adult and juvenile crime victims throughout Pennsylvania.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Afternoon Plenary Session

National Pretrial Landscape

Ms. Cherise Burdeen MS, Executive Director of Pretrial Justice Institute

There is an unprecedented amount of activity in the movement to improve pretrial justice in America right now. Major initiatives are addressing the issue, successful litigation is sweeping the country and bail and pretrial have popped up on news media radar. The Pretrial Justice Institute has launched the *3DaysCount* campaign to provide commonsense solutions to 20 states by 2020, making our country safer and ensuring the best possible outcomes for all. Still, too many people enter jail—and stay in pretrial detention—unnecessarily, increasing their chances of getting stuck in a maze-like system. The social and economic costs of our current practices are substantial and unsustainable. The time to address long-standing pretrial justice challenges is now and every criminal justice system stakeholder has a critical role to play in advocating for and implementing commonsense pretrial solutions.

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pretrial Breakout Sessions

Room 105

Pretrial Services its effectiveness and its impact on the Criminal Justice System

Presenters: Maureen McManus; Steven M. Luksa, Esq.; Kimberly F. Makoul, Esq.; and Ed Sweeny

Pretrial Services operations have been an integral component of our nation's county, state and federal criminal justice systems for over 40 years. Pretrial Service Officers assist the court in making prompt, fair, and effective release/detain decisions. This service minimizes the unnecessary detention of accused defendants by affecting more achievable bail. It also furthers public safety by providing community supervision of these defendants.

In this session, we would like to explain how effective Pretrial Services is in Lehigh County from the jail, the District Attorney and the Public Defender's perspectives.

Room 107

HOPSCOTCH: Bridging the gap between Intercepts One and Two

Presenters: Honorable Jayne Duncan; Lt. Michael Bradley; Lawrence George; Teri Miller-Landon; and Dave Plummer

A full-time County Crisis Intervention Counselor has been stationed with Lancaster City Police since 2007. This pivotal position allows timely communication across the difficult barrier between Intercept 1 and 2. When jail diversion for an individual with serious mental illness is not possible, the counselor completes direct assessment, facilitating inpatient treatment or urgent entry into community services.

This can include direct advocacy at the District Justice level and Specialty Court referral. Four sponsoring agencies will discuss how such a “pivot position” benefits the entire county.

Room 109

Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program: Stemming the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Presenters: Kevin Bethel, MS and Naomi Goldstein, PhD

The Philadelphia Police Department’s “Police School Diversion Program” was implemented in May of 2014 to address the fact that approximately 1600 students were arrested annually in schools within the School District of Philadelphia. School-based arrests are a central component of the school-to-prison pipeline and result in disproportionate rates of minority youths entering the justice system. The Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program enrolls students who have committed first time, low-level delinquent acts on or near school premises by diverting them from arrest to Intensive Prevention Services (IPS), which provide community-based services for the youths and their families. The IPS Program is a partnership between Philadelphia’s Department of Human Services’ (DHS) Juvenile Justice Services Division and the community-based provider agencies contracted by DHS. The youths and families receive an array of services to bring about positive outcomes, including academic support, mentoring, and other life skills enhancement services.

The Diversion Program is rooted in an adolescent development and trauma-informed approach. Through this lens, this pre-arrest diversion program aims to reduce rates of arrests of students for low level incidents in schools, increase school retention rates, connect students and families with necessary services and support in the community, and prevent youth from penetrating the justice system. Former Philadelphia Deputy Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel will describe the program’s philosophy, policies, and operations. Dr. Naomi Goldstein and her Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab from Drexel University’s Department of Psychology serve as the Police School Diversion Program’s evaluation team and will present Year 1 program outcomes.

Room 106

Putting a Wedge in the Revolving Door of Recidivism: DUI Pretrial and Reentry Treatment Requirements

Presenters: Mr. Jerry Spangler and the Honorable Michael Barrasso, Lackawanna Court of Common Pleas

Impaired driving continues to be a serious problem in Pennsylvania. In 2014, there were 10,550 alcohol related crashes, 333 alcohol-related crash fatalities and 7,265 alcohol-related crash injuries. These were not accidents—they were crimes.

The enactment of Act 24 of 2003 put Pennsylvania in the forefront of the nation in creating a DUI system that effectively leverages criminal justice sanctions with treatment, an approach proven to be effective in reducing crime and jail populations, preventing recidivism and positively changing the behavior of at-risk offenders. The statute establishes a plan that includes early identification and intervention and availability of a continuum of care backed by court-ordered placement and supervision.

But for the provisions of the Act to work, they must be enforced and tracked. Recent court cases and surveys by the Pennsylvania DUI Association and the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs in cooperation with the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association reveal that the statutory requirements for pre-disposition screening evaluations, full drug and alcohol assessments, clinically-appropriate drug and alcohol treatment as a condition of ARD, and probation or parole, are not being enforced.

This failure to fully implement the provisions of the law constitutes both systemic noncompliance with the law and a significant lost opportunity for our criminal justice and substance abuse systems, with adverse impacts on public safety and health and additional costs to taxpayers and victims of crime.

Topics to be covered include: (1) Requirements of the DUI statute as to evaluations, assessments, treatment and reporting; (2) Results of statewide surveys; (3) Identification of obstacles to compliance; (4) Identification of solutions to obstacles; (5) Resources available to overcome obstacles; and (6) The role of CJABs in improving DUI criminal justice and treatment systems.

Room 108

Coordination, Collaboration, and Communication

Presenters: Wendy Flanigan; Dr. Abbey Carcarey; Christine Woram; and Michael J Whaley, MS

Connecting individuals that are incarcerated to appropriate community treatment can be challenging. Bucks County has developed a process that has enhanced collaboration and coordination of treatment. Trust has been built among the criminal justice system and the behavioral health system that has fostered relationships allowing alternative options to be explored. Processes have been streamlined that has reduced the amount of time individuals are incarcerated. This session will showcase Bucks County's Collaborative Project including challenges and success and allow participants to explore possibilities for replication.

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions (Repeated)

Breakout sessions will be held in the same rooms as indicated above.

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 Session Descriptions

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Presidents Hall 3 & 4

Opening Remarks

Morning Plenary Sessions

Presidents Hall 3 & 4

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Responding to the Behavioral Health Treatment Needs of Individuals in the County Justice System

Presenter: Deputy Secretary Dennis Marion

Deputy Secretary Marion will provide a brief overview of key efforts underway in the Commonwealth to improve offender access to appropriate behavioral health care prior to and following incarceration. The comments will include information regarding access to Medicaid and other benefits to cover behavioral health treatment and supports.

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Strategic Planning and Reentry Services in Northampton County

Presenters: Laura Savenelli; Brian Watson; Daniel Keen; David Penchishen; Nancy Dischinat; and William Bartle

The collaborative planning and implementation approach the CJAB fosters has allowed Northampton County to see significant concrete impacts on their reentry efforts. Through several planning initiatives of the last four years, the County's criminal justice system has seen the emergence of many successful strategies impacting public safety, including the establishment of two problem solving courts and the solidification of the jail's partnership with the Workforce Development

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Morning Reentry Breakout Sessions

Room 109

The Incarcerated Parent: Empowering Family Connections through Parent Education

Presenter: Shauna Staranko

This presentation examines the incarceration epidemic and its social-emotional effects on both parents who experience incarceration and the family system from which they are separated. A strong parent-child connection during incarceration is beneficial for child well-being, caregiver stress reduction, inmate behaviors, and successful reentry. We will explore current ways to engage incarcerated parents, build parenting skills, and help them to build healthy connections with their families during this challenging time.

Room 108**Real Problems, Real Solutions: The First Judicial District Mental Health Court**

Presenters: Patricia Wilson and Audrey Jean Jacques

This presentation will provide an overview of Philadelphia's First Judicial District Mental Health Court. Details of its inception, current day-to-day operations, and anticipation of future trends within the problem-solving court system will be presented. In addition, several case studies will be discussed, and efficacy and outcome data will be reviewed. Finally, suggestions for additional areas of growth and research exploration will be discussed.

Room 106**The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)**

Presenters: Matt Joyce; Carrie Amann; and Ceciley Bradford-Jones

The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) is a national, evidence-based reentry program providing immediate, effective and comprehensive employment services to men and women with recent criminal convictions. Its highly structured and tightly supervised programs help participants regain the skills and confidence needed for successful transitions to stable, productive lives. CEO launched its first Pennsylvania site in 2015 in partnership with the PA Department of Corrections and the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation and is currently working to bring its transitional work model to other regions in Pennsylvania.

Room 107**Where Are My Sex Offenders Now? Pennsylvania's Innovative Approach to SORNA**

Presenter: Jennifer Storm

This workshop will provide an overview of an innovative partnership with the PA Office of Victim Advocate and the PA State Police to provide timely and sensitive notification to crime victims when a sexually violent predator is identified by the courts and falls under the Adam Walsh Act. This partnership has significantly increased Pennsylvania's SORNA compliance and is a model program for anyone seeking to come into compliance or improve their own programs.

Workshop topics will include *working with victims; restitution; offenders as victims; and Prison Rape Elimination Act*. Participants will receive a basic overview of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (Adam Walsh Act). They will learn about the Office of Victim Advocate and its innovative approach to victim services through collaborative partnerships with DOC, Parole and law enforcement and gain valuable tools on victim notification.

Room 105**"Behind the Wall" SUD Treatment and MAT – Vivitrol Pilot Program**

Presenters: E. Renea Snyder and Tracy Smith

This session will provide an overview of the addictions treatment programs that are provided "behind the walls" in a state correctional setting using evidence-based practices and programs, as well as the Recovery Unit Model. The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections has implemented a Vivitrol Pilot Program to evaluate policy reforms around the use of Vivitrol and other Medication Assisted Treatments.

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

President's Hall 3 & 4

Pennsylvania and the Opioid Epidemic

Presenter: Jill Oblak

This session will provide participants with a follow-up to the 2016 Opioid Symposium: Prevention, Intervention, Treatment and Recovery.

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

President's Hall 3 & 4

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

President's Hall 3 & 4

Homes within Reach of Returning Citizens: Bridging the Housing, Justice and Mental Health Systems

Presenters: Ben Laudermilch; Brian Hudson; John Bendel; Andrew S. Haines; Monica Hawkins; and Senghor A. Manns

It is common knowledge that returning citizens are more successful if they have safe, affordable and stable homes. Yet how do you, as a justice or mental health professional, know how to interface with the housing system? This high-level panel provides a rare opportunity to go straight to the top. You will get a peek at what makes the housing system tick, how it is organized and operates. This panel features a rare gathering of the leaders of all the major housing development, provider and funder systems in Pennsylvania. While you will not leave with a list of available units, you will come away with an understanding of where and how units are developed, operate and made available. You will know more about how to build bridges to both access and increase the supply of homes affordable and available to the returning citizens you care about.

2:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Adjourn