

**Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
Mission Statement**

The mission of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) is to support a comprehensive strategy to reduce crime that prioritizes evidence-based policy and practice at every stage of the Commonwealth’s justice system.

Goal 1: To Assist Counties in the Implementation of Pretrial and Diversionary Programs		
Objectives	CJAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE	CJAC NEXT STEPS
1. Provide funding and support for the successful implementation of pretrial alternatives to incarceration and the development of pre-entry or zero entry strategies.	<p>PCCD funded seven pretrial D&A diversion projects through a federal JRI funding opportunity.</p> <p>This priority included as part of the Single JAG Solicitation. One initiative was funded through the 2017/18 Single JAG Solicitation.</p>	
2. Provide funding and support for the successful implementation, enhancement, or expansion of problem-solving courts and other diversionary programs.	<p>Three new problem solving courts were funded in 2016 through state funds appropriated to PCCD. In 2017, 12 courts were funded to expand operations. In 2018, an additional 11 courts received funding for the expansion of operations.</p>	
3. Structure increased funding for county probation to ensure judges and prosecutors have confidence that people under supervision will receive effective monitoring and interventions based on their risk and needs.		Support the development of policies to address responses to technical violations.
4. Support training on pretrial options and the development of effective pretrial programs.		

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Goal II: To Promote County Collaboration and Effective Partnerships		
Objectives	CJAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE	CJAC NEXT STEPS
1. Provide funding and support for county CJABs in the development and expansion of local strategic plans and/or the implementation of innovative and promising approaches.	<p>This priority included as part of the 2017/18 Single JAG Solicitation.</p> <p>Continuing support of CJAB Specialist positions that assist counties in planning process.</p>	
2. Provide seed funding to support partnerships between public and private sector organizations working collaboratively to reduce crime and prevent victimization.	<p>This priority included as part of the 2017/18 Single JAG Solicitation and four initiatives were funded.</p> <p>In 2018, awarded eight grants to reduce gun violence in local communities.</p>	
3. To support strategies that reduce violent crime.	The 2017/18 Single JAG Solicitations included anti-gang interventions.	

Goal III: To Improve Data Quality and Data Sharing Capabilities

Objectives	CJAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE	CJAC NEXT STEPS
<p>1. Improve the quality and availability of state, county, and local criminal and/or juvenile justice data through the modernization of effective data exchanges.</p>	<p>Continued support of JNET and PSP initiatives.</p> <p>This priority was eligible as part of the JRI-Innovative Policing funds released to the counties on an allocation basis.</p> <p>Support of CCAP's Unified Case Management project (UCM); This priority included as part of the Single JAG Solicitation. Two initiatives were funded through the 2015/16 Single JAG Solicitation.</p> <p>Utilizing 2017 NCHIP funds to capture Misdemeanor Cases of Domestic Violence and the expansion of central booking centers.</p> <p>Utilizing 2018 NCHIP funds to automate the criminal complaint process through JNET and the AFIS Central Repository update 2 to 20 fingerprint standard records.</p>	

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2. Increase the number of law enforcement organizations connected via the regional, statewide, and national justice information-sharing initiatives.

Support of LEJIS through grant to PDAI.

This priority included as part of the Single JAG Solicitation. Two initiatives were funded.

This priority was eligible as part of the JRI-Innovative Policing funds released to the counties on an allocation basis.

This priority was eligible under the 2019 Under \$10K solicitation.

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<p>3. Provide funding for forensic process improvements including toxicology, blood analysis, and other processes affiliated with emerging issues such as medical marijuana.</p>	<p>Released Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement funds through a competitive solicitation for accreditation and certification.</p> <p>This priority was eligible under the 2017/18 Single JAG solicitation.</p> <p>This priority was eligible as part of the JRI-Innovative Policing funds released to the counties on an allocation basis.</p> <p>Released a Coverdell funding opportunity for opioid-related forensic improvements.</p>	
<p>4. Improve the quality and capture of latent evidence.</p>	<p>Funded Cumberland VMD</p>	<p>Expand the capture of latent prints/evidence</p>

GOAL IV: To Increase Capacity for the Implementation of Evidence Based or Promising Practices through Training and Technical Assistance

Objectives	CJAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE	CJAC NEXT STEPS
<p>1. Provide technical assistance to incorporate evidence-based principles into program design and ensure programs are implemented with fidelity.</p>	<p>Provided funding to the County Commissioners Association of PA (CCAP) to support the County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers for the development and implementation of Evidence Based Practices.</p> <p>Provided funding to CCAP for an Evidence Based Practices (EBP) Coordinator/Liaison to aid in the implementation of EBPs in adult county probation/parole.</p> <p>Released a competitive funding solicitation for the implementation and training of risk and needs tools in adult probation.</p> <p>This priority was eligible as part of the JRI-County Probation and Parole funds released to the counties on an allocation basis.</p>	
<p>2. Provide awareness, education, and training for law enforcement and justice practitioners to reduce racial and ethnic disparities.</p>		

GOAL V: To Strengthen Reentry Planning and Implementation Efforts

Objectives	CJAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE	CJAC NEXT STEPS
3. Support trauma-informed care approaches to address the needs of diverse populations (includes gender responsivity).		
4. Develop a library of best practices impacting the criminal justice system.		Update PCCD website to include examples of effective programs.
5. Support the development of restorative justice strategies to increase offender accountability to the victim and the community.		
6. Support training and services for vicarious trauma and officer wellness for justice practitioners.		

GOAL V: To Strengthen Reentry Planning and Implementation Efforts		
GOALS	CJAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE	CJAC NEXT STEPS
1. Proposed-Support the development of appropriate community supervision, treatment plans, and services/programs for reentrants.	Utilized FY 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018 RSAT funds to implement jail-based MAT treatment programs in county jails/work release centers along with the provision of training and technical assistance to jail staff. This activity is also part of PCCD's FY 2019 RSAT application along with vocational training. Since 2013, supported the implementation and/or expansion of 25 county jail programs and the Vivitrol Expansion program at PADO.	
2. Proposed-Support the development and implementation of county reentry coalitions and strategic plans.	PCCD established a Reentry Coordinator and included reentry as a required component to a CJAB Strategic Plan. Provided funding support to 19 counties for the development of a reentry planning process and plan. This priority included as part of the Single JAG Solicitation.	
3. Support affordable housing initiatives for justice-involved individuals through partnership(s) with other key stakeholders and agencies.		