



Nancy Dering Mock



SAVE THE DATE
September 16, 2014

2014 CJAB Chair and Coordinator Workshop “Building Upon Success”

PCCD is pleased to remind you we are once again hosting a CJAB Chair and Coordinator Workshop – “Building Upon Success”. This free one-day workshop – September 16th - is designed to help CJABs in all stages of their strategic planning process.

Whether you are developing your first strategic plan, implementing your priorities, or looking to update your existing strategic plan, this workshop is designed to equip CJAB Chairs and Coordinators with essential methods and techniques to build upon and achieve success.

Get firsthand training with Nancy Dering Mock who has over has three decades of experience in developing leaders.

Some of you may remember Nancy from back in 2010, when PCCD consulted with her to provide vision and support for CJAB strategic planning when she served as both the advisor and facilitator for the regional Strategic Planning Workshops.

Making change for the better in organizations and communities is the keystone of Nancy’s consulting practice. She assists clients with planning and implementing organizational, cultural, process, or technological change. In addition to private and public sector organizations, she has extensive experience in bringing people from diverse perspectives together to create new possibilities and directions in communities, nonprofits, arts organizations and churches. She is widely recognized as an expert in forging collaborations and partnerships among people and groups whose talents, interests and aspirations are shared or complementary and, as a result, consults on the strategic and cultural aspects of mergers and consolidations.

To view the day’s agenda and to register, please visit our [website](#).

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2014 CJAB Chair and Coordinator Workshop

Who: All CJAB Chairs and Coordinators are encouraged to attend, including multiple attendees from one county if desired, as well as CJAB members who provide support and/or administration of CJAB activities.

What: Nancy Dering Mock returns for this one-day workshop to discuss valuable CJAB planning and management strategies for building upon your CJAB success, while providing an opportunity to network with others. Nancy has consulted with PCCD in the past to provide vision and support for CJAB strategic planning and was the advisor and facilitator for the regional Strategic Planning Workshops sponsored by PCCD in 2010.

When: Tuesday, September 16, 2014
8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Where: Days Inn, State College

**There is no cost to attend this workshop and meals will be provided.



Nancy was selected as one of the YWCA's Tribute to Women of Excellence honorees in 2004, named one of Harrisburg Magazine's 2006 Movers and Shapers, received the Harrisburg Chamber's 2006 Athena Award and was named one of Central Penn Business Journal's 2012 Women of Influence. She is the 2013 recipient of the ASPA Central PA Chapter's Lifetime Achievement Award and of the United Way of the Capital Region's 2013 Volunteer Leadership Award

For more information about Nancy, visit her website at <http://www.nancydering.com/>.

**Register by
September 3rd,
using this
[Registration Form.](#)**

**Please contact your
regional CJAB
representative with
any questions you
may have.**

PCCD Creates County and State Offender Identification Dashboards as One Solution to Help Improve the Commonwealth's Fingerprint Compliance Rate.



The Problem: The fingerprinting of offenders is a critical step in the criminal justice process and is mandated by law. Fingerprinting provides law enforcement the ability to positively identify a suspect, ensuring officer and community safety. Fingerprints are also the single element that builds criminal histories, which ultimately impact sentencing decisions by the Courts. Failure to fingerprint individuals who are arrested causes problems throughout the entire criminal justice system, yet many suspects are not being fingerprinted as required.

The Solution: A Systematic Approach to Study the Problem.

In 2006, PCCD formed a Fingerprint Policy Team to address poor fingerprinting practices. The Policy Team was superseded in 2009 by the PCCD Fingerprint Compliance Work Group, who continues to monitor the Commonwealth's fingerprint compliance rate today.

In 2013, under the supervision of the Fingerprint Compliance Work Group, PCCD was awarded a federal grant to enhance the CJAB Dashboard to include an Offender Identification Dashboard that will serve as a fingerprint compliance monitoring tool. The Offender Identification Dashboard is available at www.paciabdash.com.

The fingerprint compliance rate is calculated by the number of cases disposed by both the Common Pleas and Magisterial District Courts and the match rate of those cases to the fingerprints maintained in the Pennsylvania State Police's Central Repository.

The Offender Identification Dashboard offers statewide, county and individual municipal fingerprint compliance rate data, with the percentages displayed originating from fingerprint compliance reports that are produced quarterly by the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts.

The Law Enforcement Division of PCCD reports that since the release of the county-level dashboard in June 2014, twenty-four (24) police departments, district attorneys and President Judges have requested technical assistance to improve their fingerprint compliance rates.

For more information on the Offender Identification Dashboards and the Commonwealth's fingerprint compliance rates, please contact Bob Ardner at rdardner@pa.gov.

Upcoming Event

Homelessness and the Criminal Justice System – Plan Now to attend the annual Housing Alliance of PA Homes Within Reach Conference, “Home Sweet Home”

PCCD is pleased to announce that together with our partner the Department of Welfare’s Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), we are once again sponsoring 100 attendees to participate in the justice-involved track portion of the annual Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania Homes within Reach Conference – “Home Sweet Home” – on November 17, 2014.

To address the complex housing needs of some offenders, a number of CJABs from across the Commonwealth have shaped great working relationships with their local housing authorities – inviting them to become members, creating ground-breaking programs exclusively for offenders re-entering back into the local community, and working together to create a long-term plan to address the housing needs of the criminal-justice involved population.

The goal of this year’s conference is to build the capacity of the industry by providing cutting-edge training, peer learning and partnerships to expand housing opportunity to those with low and moderate incomes. The best workshops tap into current, pressing issues. They inspire and inform by delving into new information and new approaches or providing the best of the tried and true through an interactive format.

This year we have an exciting format planned. The day will begin with lunch and an engaging plenary by Secretary John Wetzel, Department of Corrections, followed by informative sessions and an Affinity Dinner. The Affinity Dinner will bring together county CJABs and Housing Authorities to engage in meaningful discussion regarding housing for the justice-involved population. This session will highlight successful partnerships in counties and strategies at the state level. It is an opportunity for collaboration that can’t be missed!

Other sessions include:

- **“The State of the State”** - Secretary of Department of Corrections, John Wetzel, will update us on re-entry efforts at the Department of Corrections. We will also hear the county perspective from County Wardens.
- **“The Bitter Truth about Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence”** This interactive workshop will explain and will clarify why domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and their children, both nationally and in Pennsylvania.
- **“Re-investment Funds for Forensic Housing”** Department of Public Welfare/Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- **“Building a Bridge—Partnerships between Criminal Justice Advisory Boards and Housing Authorities”** Hear from state and local experts about the successful partnerships established in Pennsylvania counties and learn how you can make this valuable connection.

Look for registration information coming soon.

CIT for Veterans

We are pleased to announce that through a collaborate effort by Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), PCCD and Drexel University, a standardized curriculum for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for justice-involved veterans has been developed. CIT for Veterans is a four-hour supplemental training course for law enforcement and justice practitioners that targets issues faced by military veterans. This training module is for individuals who have been certified in CIT or MHFA (Public Safety), and is available in a Train-the-Trainer format. The basic four-hour curriculum along with the train-the-trainer module will be launched in Lancaster County on September 25, 2014. For more information, please contact Ms. Jackie Weaknecht at jweaknecht@pa.gov or 717-265-8498, or Mr. Terry Moloney at tmoloney@pa.gov or 717-772-7625.

What’s New

The Pennsylvania Youth Survey

As your CJAB works to identify and address the issues faced by your communities, are you aware of:

- The incidence of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by the kids in your County?
- The age kids begin first regularly drinking alcohol in your County?
- The incidence of other unhealthy youth behaviors?
- The strengths of your youth and communities?
- The risk and protective factors the kids in your community experience?

Since 1989, the Commonwealth has conducted a survey of school students in 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades to learn about their behavior, attitudes and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and violence. The 'Pennsylvania Youth Survey,' or PAYS, is administered every two years by PCCD, in partnership with Pennsylvania Departments of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Public Welfare, and Education.

The data gathered by PAYS serves two primary needs - first, results provide school administrators, local policy makers, legislators and others with critical information concerning the changes in patterns of the use and abuse of these harmful substances and behaviors. Second, the survey assesses risk factors related to these behaviors and protective factors that help guard against them. This information allows community leaders to direct prevention resources to areas where they are likely to have greatest impact.

PAYS is used by state agencies for a variety of planning purposes with a state-wide report produced after each PAYS administration and is published on the PCCD website. Even more important, though, is the usefulness of the data for local planning purposes. Every two years, school districts across the state conduct PAYS in their communities. During the 2013 PAYS administration, 342 school districts and 81 private/charter/parochial schools took part. Additionally, all counties (54) that had at least two districts participate had a county-level report prepared. This locally-focused data is used to identify what specific problems are present in the area they serve. Local officials can then take a data-driven approach to choose programming that has been proven effective at addressing those identified issues. This approach allows local policy makers to base their planning and funding decisions on what the risks actually faced by the community are (rather than relying on anecdotal evidence or state-level data) and the resources in the community that can be brought to bear to buffer these risks.

Through this process of gathering and analyzing local data (at the county level and in concert with local school districts), CJABs can gain insight into what problem behaviors youth are engaging in, which if not addressed can lead to future issues for the CJAB to deal with as these youth become adults. By incorporating PAYS data into their overall planning process, CJABs can gain a fuller understanding of the state of their communities and what issues to expect in the years ahead. This data can also provide insight into how effective prevention and intervention efforts are over time, allowing you to adjust and adapt your plans accordingly.

If you would like more information about PAYS or would like to find out what prevention coalitions are operating in your county that may offer partnership opportunities, please contact Geoff Kolchin in PCCD's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at gkolchin@pa.gov or 717-265-8483. You can view the PAYS statewide reports from past administrations of the survey as well as additional history and background about the survey by visiting the PAYS website at www.pays.state.pa.us. The county-level reports are also available at this site by clicking on 2013, then the link for "2013 County Reports".

PCCD Honors Dauphin County team of District Attorney Ed Marsico and CJAB Coordinator Catharine Kilgore plus the Union County CJAB at the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania's (CCAP) 2014 Awards Ceremony – Honoring Excellence in County Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems and Their Partners.



Pictured left to right are John Wetzel, Secretary, PA Department of Corrections; Dominick DeRose, Warden, Dauphin County Prison; Kim Mackey, CJAB Representative, Southeast Region, PCCD; Catharine Kilgore, Dauphin County CJAB Administrator and Drug Court Coordinator; Ed Marisco, Jr., Dauphin County District Attorney and CJAB Chairman; award namesake Honorable Linda K. M. Ludgate; Robert Merwine, Director of Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, PCCD; Dauphin County Commissioner Jeffery T. Haste; and Award Ceremony Host, Scott Martin, Lancaster County Commissioner.

The Honorable Linda K. M. Ludgate Award

The 2014 Honorable Linda K. M. Ludgate CJAB Excellence in Leadership Award was presented to the Dauphin County team of District Attorney Ed Marsico and CJAB Coordinator Catharine Kilgore. They were selected to receive this award based upon their long-standing history of effective and innovative CJAB management. Marsico has been the chair the Dauphin County CJAB since its inception in 2008, and in 2011 he saw an opportunity to put a dedicated manager in the role of CJAB Coordinator by hiring Catharine Kilgore, the former CJAB Coordinator for Lebanon County. In Lebanon, Kilgore was partially responsible for the creation and ongoing success of the Lebanon County DUI Court. She possesses passion for both CJAB management and capacity-building. In both counties, Kilgore served as an essential state-to-county liaison between PCCD and the field of CJAB coordinators, assisting in pilot projects, surveys and developing training and conferences for CJAB members statewide.

As the Chair of the Dauphin County CJAB and key stakeholder in the local criminal justice system, Marsico's openness to new ideas and change allows the county CJAB to work collaboratively in the spirit envisioned by PCCD to create shared direction, pay true attention to criminal issues and make changes that positively affect the system and impact individual lives. He possesses the brand of leadership that creates for true progress, allowing his team members to do what they do best, and takes their ideas and those ideas he learns of throughout the state to make significant and effective changes in Dauphin County.

Recent accomplishments of the Dauphin County CJAB under this leadership and management team have enabled the criminal justice system to become more effective. Along with other CJAB members, they visited several county court systems to learn about effective models and worked with their local court representatives to redesign Dauphin's court structure and allow for better case flow. The Dauphin CJAB continues to engage in a comprehensive strategic planning process whereby progress with planned action steps and goals are discussed at every meeting. As a result of structuring informative agenda items, meetings of the Dauphin County CJAB boast of consistent attendance and full engagement of members - the CJAB meeting room is always packed with key stakeholders and meaningfully productive conversation flows easily. Additionally, the CJAB enjoyed success in the creation of a Central Booking Center, the creation of a Criminal Justice Center strategically located within the City, making advancements in information-sharing technology, having easy transition to the new Adam Walsh Sex Offender registration efforts through CJAB support, building an innovative website that connects the public with the work of the CJAB and important criminal justice information, and hiring a specialized re-entry consultant to work with the CJAB to provide key changes in how the county addressed re-entering offenders, including the adoption of the Ohio Risk and Needs Assessment Tool that will be used throughout the criminal justice system.

Pictured left to right are John Wetzel, Secretary, PA Department of Corrections; Jenn McConnell, CJAB Representative Northeast Region, PCCD; Scott Lizardi, Union County Chief Probation Officer; Bruce Quigley, Union County Housing Authority Executive Director; Mike Millett, Director of Union County Day Reporting Center; Karen Nicholson, Union County CJAB Chairwoman; Union County Commissioner Preston Boop; Robert Merwine, Director of Office of Criminal Justice System Improvements, PCCD; and Award Ceremony Host, Scott Martin, Lancaster County Commissioner.



2014 CJAB Best Practices Award

Union County CJAB held its inaugural meeting on September 15, 2006, with former President Judge Harold Woelfel, Jr., serving as Chair. The CJAB formed as result of other groups coming together out of a shared concern over increased use of controlled substances, particularly heroin. One solution to the ever-growing problems related to drug and alcohol abuse and addiction was to establish problem solving courts. With support from the CJAB and county commissioners, the 17th Judicial District Treatment Court began in July 2007. In September 2012, the Treatment Court received its state accreditation, becoming the fourth court in the Commonwealth to achieve such recognition.

As the Union County CJAB developed, members began to discuss another critical issue challenging the county - prison overcrowding. A prison overcrowding sub-committee was formed and visited Franklin County Prison and Day Reporting Center (DRC) to explore the feasibility of opening a DRC in Union County to help address prison overcrowding while having a positive impact on recidivism rates. After much research, the CJAB decided to pursue opening a DRC of their own.

After acquiring a U.S. Army Reserves facility to house the DRC, which was donated to the county by the federal government, Union County started programming in the spring of 2012. As of June 2014, the DRC was working with 37 individuals. It is reported that 3,235 jail days have been saved over the past year for a savings to the county of \$232,920. In addition, nine DRC participants have earned their GED.

Significantly, Union County CJAB is one of only a few CJABs across the Commonwealth that has members from their local Housing Authority actively participating. Just as important, all three county commissioners are involved with the CJAB – their approach is receptive of innovative thinking to save the county and residents tax dollars while supporting returning citizens positively back into the county.

To continue working towards easing prison overcrowding, the Union County Housing Authority (UCHA) worked with the CJAB to design a unique experimental rental assistance/housing program called Justice Bridge Housing Program (JBHP) that provides supportive housing for participants with serious mental illness and/or substance abuse disorder and are justice involved. In July 2012, UCHA was awarded a PCCD grant to help support JBHP. As of today, the program has helped nine participants with two more on a waiting list. Out of the nine, three have transitioned into the Section 8 program.

Because JBHP demonstrates a potential for replication in other public housing authorities, UCHA applied for and received a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant to further research the potential and develop a toolkit targeted to public housing authorities to develop and administer their own programs.

Just this March, the CJAB hosted the PA Mental Health and Justice Center of Excellence, holding a cross-systems mapping workshop where they identified the following top priorities to work on: continue formal cross-systems collaboration; explore the lack of crisis and emergency services, especially housing, for justice-involved adults; expand support services for families in addition to expand housing, employment, and transportation opportunities for justice-involved adults; and get the local county assistance office actively involved with the CJAB.

Looking to the future – the Union County CJAB is in the process of creating a strategic planning committee to start the process of updating their current strategic plan. The committee will work with members over the summer to gather information and host a strategic plan updates session at their September CJAB meeting to identify and prioritize new goals for the CJAB to work towards.

Inside PCCD

Read PCCD's Strategic Plan and Annual Reports [here](#).

PCCD Awarded Grants [here](#).

PCCD Presents Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards

On behalf of Governor Tom Corbett, PCCD presented the Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards to three individuals in recognition of their work to enhance the lives of crime victims.

Read more about the [recipients!](#)



[CJAB Data Dashboards](#) track key metrics from the county justice system including: prison indicators, courts indicators, juvenile indicators, probation/parole indicators, law enforcement indicators.



Online Training Course "Investigating Human Trafficking" Received Gold-Award in the 44th Annual Creativity International Awards.

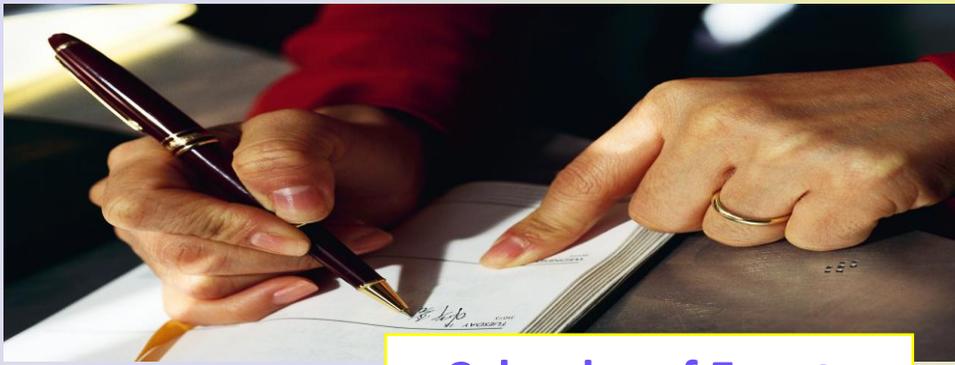
These online training courses were developed in collaboration with PCCD, Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA), PA Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV), PA Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA), Delaware County District Attorney Pearl Kim and the Polaris Project to help train law enforcement to combat human trafficking in the Commonwealth.

Read more about the [award](#).

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PCCD Website Gets a New Look!



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Calendar of Events

2014 CJAB Chair and Coordinator Workshop – “Building Upon Success”

September 16, 2014 at Days Inn, State College

2014 Pennsylvania Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Conference

October 8, 9, & 10, 2014 at Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College

PA Housing Alliance Annual Homes within Reach Conference - “Home Sweet Home”

November 17-19, 2014 at the Harrisburg Hilton

2014 PA Veterans Forum – Community and Connections

November 18-19, 2014 at Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey

2015

PA Annual Statewide Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Conference

March 24, 2015 at Days Inn, State College, Look to future editions of the CJABer for more details.

CJAB Statewide Conference

March 25-26, 2015 at Days Inn, State College, Look to future editions of the CJABer for more details.

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