

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

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 Session Descriptions

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Presidents Hall 3 & 4

Opening Remarks

Morning Plenary Sessions

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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; 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 & 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, 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 & 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.

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

Presenters: Ben Laudermitch, Brian Hudson, John Bendel, Andrew S. Haines, Monica Hawkins & 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