

2018 Criminal Justice Advisory Board Conference
Collaboration and Innovation: Keystone of Success

The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA
April 3-4, 2018

Session Descriptions

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Michael Vereb, Chairman, Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Charles H. Ramsey, Chairman, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Morning Plenary Sessions

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Masking IP Addresses and the Dark Web

James A. Dill, Deputy Chief-Retired, Innovative Technology & Investigative Solutions, LLC

Technology saturates our everyday lives. Yet, so many technologies that are being developed for innocent purposes end up being used to hide activity, especially by juveniles. This unique and eye-opening class is for prosecutors, law enforcement personnel and anyone working in the criminal justice system who wants to learn more about how everyday technologies are being used (or misused) to commit crime and avoid investigations. This session focuses on Internet Protocol (IP) Addressing which is the backbone of how information is transmitted on the Internet. It is also one of the main ways Law Enforcement discovers child predators or other criminals on the Internet, especially those using anonymous messaging or encryption. This class is instructed in a manner that both the novice and the expert will understand and appreciate. The session utilizes a combination of lecture, multimedia examples, case studies and live demonstrations.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Law Enforcement Technology Update

Eric J. Radnovich, Director, Bureau of Justice Services, Cumberland County District Attorney's Office

This session will cover the new direction for the Local Technology Workgroup (LTW). For twenty plus years the group has primarily focused on biometric collection at the time of arrest, i.e. fingerprints for Livescan and arrest photos for CPIN. The workgroup would like to parlay on that huge database of information and begin improving the detection, collection, and preservation of latent fingerprints and evidence from crime scenes via enhanced techniques from training, and higher quality collection equipment for as many police departments, District Attorney Offices, Sheriff's Offices, etc. as possible.

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

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11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

From the Block to the Boardroom

Tracey D. Syphax . President and COO of Phax Group Construction & Design LLC, and Senior Managing Partner of Phax Group Real Estate LLC

Author Tracey Syphax, a former drug dealer turned entrepreneur, will discuss his journey from the block to the boardroom in this riveting discussion about reducing poverty and increasing wealth and opportunities for returning citizens. He will discuss his book, “From the Block to the Boardroom” and share his personal experience in the system and how he became a nationally renowned motivational speaker, entrepreneurship session instructor, and powerful inspiration for returning citizens.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Awards Ceremony

*Honorable Linda KM Ludgate, Senior Judge
Honorable Jeffrey Snyder, Clinton County Commissioner*

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

First Set of Breakout Sessions

Opportunities for Mental Health Treatment When Involved in the Criminal Justice System

Jessica Penn Shires, Mental Health Program Representative, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Edna McCutchen, CEO, Norristown State Hospital, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

This presentation will provide an overview of the Regional Forensic Psychiatric Centers (RFPC) and a discussion of the treatment opportunities provided by the Centers to individuals who are involved in the criminal justice system and in need of inpatient psychiatric treatment. Details about the types of services and criteria needed for an individual to be referred will be discussed as outlined in the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) Bulletin 16-10: *Admission, Transfers, Level of Care and Service Area Designation for RFPC.*

Why is Addiction a Family Disease? (Part One)

Brynn Cicippio, LMFT, CAADC, LMFT & Associates

With over 20 million people facing a substance use disorder in the United States, education and understanding is crucial in fighting this disease. One way to combat addiction and engage in active prevention is to understand the complexities of the family system, including the unspoken rules and individual roles. From this session, participants will gain clear knowledge on exactly why addiction is considered a family disease.

Session Descriptions (Cont'd.)

Women in Policing

Jacqueline L. Bailey-Davis, M. Ed, Police Staff Inspector, Philadelphia Police Department

Since the 1800s, men predominantly held sworn positions in policing, in contrast to women who were hired mostly as matrons to assist with juveniles and women in a clerical capacity. The climate of policing is changing as law enforcement agencies are shifting from a watchman policing style to a service-oriented style of policing. With women comprising 13% of the police force in the United States, particularly in larger cities, the shift of policing styles has also called for a shift in leadership to include more women. This presentation will discuss the leadership skills, traits, and behaviors of women in policing and why they are becoming the MVP game changers in law enforcement leadership.

Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET) Applications and Services

Ami Levin, Data Exchange Project Manager, AOPC

Mark Rothermel, IT User Interface manager, AOPC

Eric Webb, Executive Director, JNET

Joe Centurione, Communications Manager, JNET

Todd Sackett, JNET County Deployment Coordinator and Business Analyst

This session will provide an overview of court and technology from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and the Justice Network (JNET). During this session, AOPC staff will provide an overview of the court forms that are available through the Pennsylvania Unified Judicial System Website, how to access the forms, and how the forms are maintained. An overview of the data exchanges that are available from the AOPC via JNET will also be presented. These will include Court Case Event (CCE) messages, Request/Reply Services, and eFiling. Also during this session, JNET staff will provide an overview of JNET and explore JNET applications and the many services JNET offers.

Finding Jenn's Voice

Tracy Schott, MSW, M.S., Director/Producer

Honorable Jennifer R. Storm, Victim Advocate, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Honorable John Wetzel, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

Erica Clark, PAOVA Resilient Voices Speaker

Finding Jenn's Voice is a documentary film that examines the little-known fact that homicide is a leading cause of death during pregnancy. Inspired by the 2011 murder of Jennifer Snyder by her boyfriend, Veterinarian David Rapoport, the film explores the characteristics of intimate partner violence. Through the voices of eleven survivors of homicide attempts, Finding Jenn's Voice looks beyond the black eye to reveal the risk factors for intimate partner homicide and violence. Film screening will be followed by a Question and Answer session.

Session Descriptions (Cont'd.)

Offender Workforce Development: Designing a Path to Success

Laura Savenelli, M.Div, Reentry Coordinator, Northampton County

Monica Georges, M.S., LEAP Project Manager, Workforce Board Lehigh Valley

Peggy Kershner, Co-Executive Director, Berks Connections/Pretrial Services

Christine Guistwite, Reentry Director, Berks Connections/Pretrial Services

Berks Connections/Pretrial Services Reentry Workforce Development Program and the Northampton County LEAP Program (Linking Employment Activities Pre-Release) have been successful in addressing the employment needs of returning citizens. In this session representatives from these two very different program models will share lessons learned and best practices discovered. Additionally, essential elements of a high-functioning workforce development program will be presented, with focus on how evidence-based techniques can work in conjunction with traditional workforce development practices. Attendees will learn about recruitment and retention techniques, how to identify and remove barriers to employment, and how collaboration between reentry coalition members and criminal justice stakeholders can increase employment outcomes and strengthen reentry efforts.

Pennsylvania Parolee Clearinghouse

Judith Dooley, Registered Pharmacist, PA Department of Aging PACE Program/Magellan Health

Upon release from a State Correctional Institution, re-entrants may have a plan of how to get back on their feet, but even a well thought out plan can fail. Without a solid support system, encouragement or hope, it is easy for a re-entrant to fall back into old habits and quickly return to incarceration. By getting to know the person, rather than the crime, the Pennsylvania Parolee Clearinghouse has successfully built trusting relationships, understand their needs and provide potential assistance options via a listing of state/county-based resources collect by our staff. This session will describe the history and growth of the Pennsylvania Parolee Clearinghouse, its relationship with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections and some of the success stories which have led to numerous referrals from other agencies and re-entrants.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Second Set of Breakout Sessions

How to Run a Residential Treatment Program on Two Rules and the Pickle Story

Kevin L. Kordzi, M.Ed., Director, Resources for Human Development CORE Program

This workshop will present an alternative philosophy of treatment program management. This alternative philosophy focuses on engagement of the client, rather than on catching clients violating rules and administering punishment. Exploration of this alternative will also look at how to create a safe environment that supports risk-taking, and how the Stages of Change model is vital to understanding reluctance to taking risks in treatment.

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Why is Addiction a Family Disease? (Part Two)

Brynn Cicippio, LMFT, CAADC, LMFT & Associates

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Police & Mental Health Collaboration: Co-Responder Program

Cori A. Seilhamer MS, NCC, Mental Health Program Specialist, Franklin County

Steve Nevada LSW, Assistant County Administrator, Franklin County

Kay Martin, Community Co-responder, Keystone Health

John Phillipany, Chief, Greencastle Police Department

Franklin County's Co-Responder Program is a successful collaboration between Law Enforcement and Mental Health professionals, working together to promote community wellness by providing intervention for individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Intellectual Disability, Autism and/or Co-Occurring Disorder who come in to contact with the police. This workshop will provide an understanding of the Franklin County Co-Responder model including: program overview, implementation process, data collection and analysis, and program effectiveness. There will also be discussion of community success stories.

County Jail Diversion - Avoiding Jailing Those with Mental Illness

Dr. Edward B. Michalik Psy.D, Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Aging, Executive Director, Berks County

Amy Groh, Director of Crisis Intervention and Intake Services, Service Access and Management, Inc.

Andrea Concordia, Director of Mental Health Blended Case Management Services, Service Access & Management, Inc.

Brandon Sands, LPC, Mental Health Forensic Diversion Specialist

Chief Steven Stinsky, Fleetwood Police Department

This session is a panel presentation including Crisis, Mental Health, Police and Forensic Diversion staff, describing how Berks County is using diversion services to reduce the number of people who are incarcerated with mental illness. Berks County has been successful in diverting individuals at all points along the justice continuum/intercept model, redirecting individuals toward treatment as opposed to incarceration, and doing so without compromising public safety.

Session Descriptions (Cont'd.)

Intercept Model for Early Diversion (IMED)

Sarah S. Bainbridge, LCSW, Quality Clinician, Community Care Behavioral Health

Justin Behrens, LSW, IMED Program Director, Northeast Counseling Services

The Intercept Model for Early Diversion is a team-delivered service building upon existing community resources to facilitate collaboration among the criminal justice, mental health, and substance use systems. The model was created to divert adults 18 years of age and older from prison, who have come to the attention of the criminal justice system via police and/or magisterial involvement and present evidence of a behavioral health disorder including mental health and substance abuse. This session will explore how the IMED relates to Pretrial Programs to divert consumers from the criminal justice system by facilitating community integration and continuity of care. The roles of individual team members will be discussed, as well as the potential outcomes that can be achieved through participation in the IMED program, including consumer's personal recovery goals and improved stability to remain in their community. This session will enable participants to identify the core components of Critical Time Intervention (CTI), and how they are utilized within the IMED.

Taking on the Safety and Justice Challenge: Safely Reducing Philadelphia's Jail Population

Panel presentation includes representatives from Philadelphia's key criminal justice, administrative and behavioral health stakeholder offices.

Since 2016, the criminal justice agencies in Philadelphia have embarked upon an initiative to safely reduce its jail population by 34% over three years through 19 different initiatives, funded by a \$3.5 million grant from the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge. These efforts range from developing robust alternatives to cash bail, addressing violations of probation, increasing efficiencies in case processing, focusing on special populations, and reducing racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system. This session will explore Philadelphia's success and experience throughout this initiative, and the impact these efforts have made on public safety.

The Fair Housing Act: Rights, Remedies and Criminal Backgrounds

Jamie Milligan Esq., Program Manager for Education & Outreach, Staff Attorney, Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services

Kate Bosomworth Esq., Staff Attorney and Education & Outreach, Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services

The Fair Housing Act will be discussed during this session, including the recent Housing and Urban Development and Department of Justice guidance on the use of arrest records in public housing, and mandatory and discretionary denials for public housing. In addition, the legal theory of disparate impact behind blanket bans on tenants with criminal backgrounds will be explored. This session will also include a discussion of reasonable accommodations and due process requirements in the housing concerns of persons with criminal backgrounds.

Session Descriptions (Cont'd.)

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Honorable John A. Zottola, Judge, Criminal Division of the Court of Common Pleas, Allegheny County and Chair of the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee

Morning Plenary Sessions

8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

The Importance of Reentry: Telling Our Story

DeAnna Hoskins, Senior Policy Advisor for the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance,

Ms. Hoskins will discuss the importance of providing tools and resources for citizens who are returning to the community from jails and prisons.

9:00 a.m.– 10:30 a.m.

Nature and Nurture Intermingle to Wire up the Human Brain

*James Fallon, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior
University of California, Irvine*

Dr. Jim Fallon is a Sloan Scholar, Fulbright Fellow, Professor Emeritus of Neuroscience, he looks at the way nature and nurture intermingle to wire up the human brain. He explores the way genetic & in-utero environmental factors affect the way the brain gets built & then how individuals' experience further shapes its development.

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

The Opioid Epidemic from a Law Enforcement Perspective

*Brian Dempsey, Intelligence Specialist, Drug Enforcement Administration
James Higgins, Special Agent, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Supervisory Special Agent,
Pittsburgh Tactical Diversion Squad*

The opioid issue will be addressed from the perspective of law enforcement in this session. It will include a discussion of current drug trafficking trends, and address what is currently happening as a result of the opioid epidemic. The session will focus on drug trends over time, and how the United States evolved into the current opioid epidemic. The evolving threat of fentanyl and fentanyl analogs will be discussed, including availability through the internet and the “dark web”. The session will explore how and why fentanyl is “replacing” heroin and will include a discussion of applicable Federal Drug Laws as well as the difference between federal and state drug charges.

Session Descriptions (Cont'd.)

Accountability and Recovery for Substance Use Disorder Defendants Project

*Honorable Michael J. Barrasse, President Judge, Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas
Jerry Spangler, J.D., Project Director, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs*

The goals of criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment – accountability and recovery - are complementary, not competitive. Both systems share a consensus that processes should be evidence-based, collaborative, individualized, clinically driven, participant-directed and outcome focused. The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) has developed a ground-breaking justice reform model, the Annals of Research and Knowledge on Successful Offender Management (ARK). Based on the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) theory, the ARK was designed as a reform framework to assess offenders and sort them into a systemic continuum of evidence-based options at the different stages of the criminal justice system. Additionally, ARK helps develop a continuum of options that can be considered in determining the most effective and cost-efficient sentencing option. This session will explore the ARK project and discuss its effectiveness in assisting offenders in reaching their goals of accountability and recovery.

Tapping into Opportunities at the Front Door of the Justice System: Promising Diversion Strategies at Intercept Two

*Christina M. Finello, JD, PhD, Deputy Director of Human Services, Bucks County
Carolynn Murphy Perry, Senior Administrative Officer, Bucks County Court Administration
Kris Thompson, LCSW, Director, Crisis Services, Lenape Valley Foundation
Wendy Flanagan, M.S., Coordinator of Service Development and Quality Management, Bucks County Department of Mental Health & Developmental Programs
Ana Y. Rosado, MSW, Clinical Director, Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission
Nicole Richardson, M.S., Mobile Crisis Coordinator, Lenape Valley Foundation
Ray McManamon, M.A., LPC, Forensic Liaison/Emergency & Court Coordinator, Bucks County Department of Mental Health & Developmental Programs*

The Sequential Intercept Model provides a conceptual framework for communities to organize targeted strategies for justice-involved individuals with behavioral health disorders. The theory behind the model is that there are numerous points in the criminal justice continuum where opportunities exist to link offenders to services, to prevent further penetration into the criminal justice system. Intercept Two, defined as the “Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearing” stage, may hold the most unrealized potential for diversion. Bucks County has leveraged that opportunity to increase access to quality community-based services. This session will provide an overview of the Magisterial District Judge Mobile Engagement Pilot. Efforts will be highlighted that describe the planning, implementation, and outcome tracking for this pilot. The panel will discuss how this initiative has connected individuals to treatment and community supports, working in conjunction with the court system.

Session Descriptions (Cont'd.)

Essential Elements of a Pretrial System

Janice Rodovick-Dean, Director, Allegheny Pretrial Services

Maureen McManus, Executive Director, Lehigh County Pretrial Services

Nicolle Schnovel, Co-Executive Director, Berks Connections/Pretrial Services

This session will review the best practices in developing or enhancing a pretrial system as well as identifying the elements of a high functioning Pretrial Services Agency. Time will be allotted for a roundtable discussion to discuss current programs throughout the state.

The Daring Way™ – Wholehearted Living for Staff and Client Wellness in Criminal Justice

Jennifer Yingling, M.S., NCC, LPC, Licensed Professional Counselor, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

Researcher and author Brené Brown's work has uncovered that we are all affected by shame and vulnerability, despite what we might think or what we want to believe. This session will explain exactly what wholehearted living is, how to strive toward it personally, and how to use it with the individuals we serve.

Erie County Reentry Services and Support Alliance (ECRSSA): An innovation Cross-Sector Collaboration Serving Transitioning Clients

Sheila A. Silman, MS, ECRSSA Program Manager, Greater Erie Community Action Center

Marshall J. Piccinini, Esq., Assistant United States Attorney, Senior Litigation Counsel and

Professional Responsibility Officer in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Mary Bula, Regional Manager, Learning Ovations

Paul D. Gambill, M.S., Community Resource Specialist, United States Probation Office

The Erie County Re-Entry Services and Support Alliance (ECRSSA) was created as a "one stop shop" to deliver important services and connect clients transitioning from federal, state or county incarceration to appropriate resources and jobs, with the overarching goals of reducing recidivism and violence in our community. The ECRSSA offers Intensive Case Management support for the client returning to Erie and a lower level of support, Resource Coordination, for those relocating to Erie from elsewhere.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Luncheon Speaker

Sentence Risk Assessment

Ryan Meyers, Sentencing Policy Specialist, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing

The presentation will include the following: A brief overview of the Commission's legislative mandate to develop a risk assessment instrument for use by the court at sentencing; a discussion of the purpose, use, and proposed implementation of the sentence risk assessment instrument; as well as an update on the Commission's planned outreach efforts for 2018 throughout the Commonwealth.

Session Descriptions (Cont'd.)

Afternoon Plenary Sessions

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Invisible Disorder that is Filling Beds in Juvenile Facilities and Prisons

Gordon Hodas, M.D., consulting Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Lyn Becker, MBA, RMA, Parent Advocate, Co-Chair Pennsylvania Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Task Force

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a pervasive public health problem. Women who consume alcohol during pregnancy place their fetus at significant risk of permanent brain damage. As a lifelong developmental disability, FASD is a risk factor for mental health and substance use disorders, plus challenges in affected individuals involving behavior, cognition, and social functioning. Approximately 60% of children with FASD enter the legal system, and facility staff at juvenile and adult correctional facilities are typically unaware of the FASD in affected individuals. This session is an introduction to FASD and will include a discussion of how the fetal brain is affected by the consumption of alcohol, dysfunctional behaviors that may be exhibited by a person with FASD, and effective interventions to allow criminal justice practitioners to better interact and communicate with a person who has FASD.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

From the Courtroom to the Classroom

Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D., Director of Student Services & Workforce Development, Community Learning Center

This session will provide a first-hand look in to the world of education, re-entry and reintegration of the returning citizen into our communities. The session will address the challenges and barriers facing returning citizens and how we can address these challenges head on with education, career development and training. A look at the current laws, policies and best practices concerning the returning citizen will be reviewed and discussed including a look at "Ban the Box" laws, employment restrictions in Pennsylvania and educational and vocational resources that are available to agencies servicing this population. Finally, a series of potential solutions and actions will be considered, and a comprehensive package of reentry materials will be provided.