

Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

Minutes of the Meeting of April 13, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman St., Lebanon, PA, 17046

Present

Holly Leahy, MH/ID/EI Administrator and CJAB Chair; James Donmoyer, Executive Director of Drug and Alcohol Commission and CJAB Vice Chair; Tina Litz, LCCF Warden; Audrey Fortna, Director of Probation Services; Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner; Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator; Glenda Folsom, Offender Reentry Coordinator; Alissa Perrotto, Executive Director, SARCC; Lori Burrus, Lebanon County Branch 26AA of the NAACP; Eleanor Leo, Executive Director, PROBE; Kimberly Mackey, CJAB Regional Specialist; and, John P. Shott, CJAB Planner.

Absent

Honorable John C. Tylwalk, President Judge; Pier Hess Graf, District Attorney; Jonathan Hess, Chief County Detective, Police Chiefs Representative; Jeffrie Marley, Jr., Sheriff; Stephanie Axarlis, Court Administration; Megan Tidwell, Chief Public Defender; Daniel Lyons, Director, Housing Authority; Michael Anderson, Director of Domestic Relations; Erin Moyer, Director, Children and Youth Services; LeAnne Burchik, Director, Domestic Violence Intervention; Dr. Jeffrey Yocum, Coroner; and, Carla Cyr, Veterans Justice Outreach.

Guests.

CJAB Chair Holly Leahy called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. No quorum present. The Chair welcomed Eleanor Leo, Executive Director of PROBE, to the Board. Self-introductions by the members.

Minutes of Meeting of February 9, 2026—Action deferred until the June meeting due to absence of a quorum.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

D.U.I. Court—At present, 20 offenders are participating in the program, with four cases pending and four applications under consideration.

Prison Reduction—The current Average Daily Population (ADP) at LCCF is 267 with an average stay of 22 days.

Mental Health—Team MISA continues to meet monthly, focusing on individuals who fall within the following categories: 302, 304, 402 commitments; competency evaluations; cottage referrals; additional individuals requiring discussion within LCCF or the community.

Since January 2026, 71 individuals entering LCCF have had a documented history with MH/ID/EI. Notably, four individuals have been imprisoned more than once during this same period.

As of 4/10/26, the County has confirmed six suicides this year. Statistical breakdown: four males, two females; average 43, with the youngest being 27 and the oldest being 75; three by firearm, one by self-inflicted wound resulting in cardiorespiratory arrest, one by asphyxiation; one veteran, all county residents; five with a known mental health history, two with known substance use history; none known to MH/ID/EI; four Caucasian, one Chinese, one Vietnamese.

At present, two individuals reside at the County-owned cottage; MH/ID/EI is reviewing a new referral. One former resident graduated from the Cottage program on Feb. 6 and has transitioned into independent housing through MH/ID/EI's New Start Housing Support program.

Veterans' Court--At present, 13 offenders are active participants in the program, with five cases under consideration.

Drug Court—23 offenders are currently participating, with one offender slated to be accepted into the program and another five applications under review.

CJAB DEPARTMENTS: REPORTS AND ISSUES OF INTEREST

Heroin Task Force Report—County confirmed 11 overdose deaths in 2025, the lowest figure in years. (The number of deaths in 2024 was 21.) Only one overdose death has been confirmed this year, and that fatality occurred on January 1. The lower overdose deaths can be attributed to several factors, including wider distribution of Narcan, various educational and preventive activities coordinated by the Heroin Task Force (“Stronger Together”) and Community Health Council, and the MAT program at LCCF. The task force will hold a drug takeback day and Overdose Awareness Vigil later this summer; dates and times to be announced. Use of meth and alcohol appears to be on the upswing, exceeding use of opiates. The Harm Reduction pillar of Stronger Together and the Community Health Council have been distributing Narcan in the lobby of the Probation Office on a regular basis. Next date is April 23 from 2-4 p.m.

Offender Reentry—An Offender Reentry Simulation Workshop is slated for Nov. 13 at the Dept. of Emergency Services (DES), beginning at 2 p.m. The U.S. Attorneys' Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania will supply the materials needed to host this two-hour event. The Coalition needs volunteers to serve as panelists. Ms. Folsom also reported that nine individuals had reached out to her in March about reentry services; six have contacted her in April.

Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI-2)—Lebanon County is eligible to apply for up to \$168,060 in JRI-2 funding for 12-, 24-, or 36-month projects. Funds must be used to support projects focused on improving adult probation and supervision. Deadline for submitting a grant application to PCCD is May 7. Ms. Fortna and staff at Probation Services are working on priorities for the grant budget.

Violence and Delinquency Prevention Grants—Ms. Fortna has applied to PCCD for funding to implement two community-based services for justice-involved youth in Lebanon County. The first is Harm 2 Hope-Gun Violence Prevention curriculum by The Academy, a program that provides evidence-informed content addressing the causes, risks, consequences, and legal ramifications of gun violence. Youth are now posting photos of themselves or their groups on social media with guns. This growing trend impacts the disproportionate number of Hispanic youths now on supervision with Juvenile Probation in the county for various charges, including firearms.

The second is Multisystemic Therapy (MST) by K/S Consultants, providing treatment to complex-case juveniles (age 12-17) in their community. It is a family-focused and community-based treatment program that offers clinical and therapeutic support services. The proposed grant budget for these two consultant-based services is \$166,800 over two years.

PCCD Update—The Commission is reviewing Minimum Operating Standards for CJABs, which have not been revised in years. Ms. Mackey noted that PCCD is proposing the addition of three departments as core members of all CJABs: Reentry, Pre-Trial Services, and Court Administration. Reentry and Court Administration are already represented on our CJAB. The County does not have an established pre-trial program. Lebanon's CJAB has been adding core members over the years, including the Housing Authority, Domestic Violence Intervention, and the County Coroner. The Board also amended the bylaws to provide for non-voting membership for advocacy groups.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS—

CJAB Strategic Planning Update—Work on the Strategic Plan for 2026-202 continues. A proposed plan should come before the Board at the June meeting.

FY 2025-2026 IP Funding Update—PCCD has awarded the County \$200,100 in IP funding for FY 2025-2026. The award notice came in late February. No word on when the IP funding announcement for FY 2026-2027 will be released.

Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Workshop—The County remains interested in having a SIM Workshop this year. SIM is one of the priorities for the 2026-2027 Strategic Plan

NEW BUSINESS

SARCC Updates--During the Jan.-March period, SARCC provided services to 133 victims of sexual violence; 58 of these were new clients with the other 75 being continuing cases. SARCC also conducted 71 assessments on victims of child sexual abuse. Concern about a rising number of reports about stalking. Warden Litz noted that more older inmates with sex abuse-related charges are now in protective custody at LCCF.

ADJOURNMENT—With no further business to conduct, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

NEXT CJAB MEETING—Monday, June 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m., MH/ID/EI.

