

Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

Minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Second Floor Conference Room, MH/ID/EI, 220 East Lehman St., Lebanon, PA, 17046 (Virtual TEAMS Meeting)

Present

Holly Leahy, MH/ID/EI Administrator and CJAB Chair; Tina Litz, LCCF Warden; Audrey Fortna, Director of Probation Services; Daniel Lyons, Director, Housing Authority; Stephanie Axarlis, Court Administrator; Megan Tidwell, Chief Public Defender; Michael Anderson, Director of Dometic Relations; Glenda Folsom, Offender Reentry Coordinator; Briana Reigel, County Coroner's Office; LeAnne Burchik, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Intervention; Erin Moyer, Director, Children and Youth; Matthew Rys, Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Alissa Perrotto, Executive Director, SARCC; Lori Burrus, Lebanon County Branch 26AA of the NAACP; Kimberly Mackey, CJAB Regional Specialist; and, John P. Shott, CJAB Planner.

Absent

Honorable John C. Tylwalk, President Judge; Pier Hess Graf, District Attorney; Robert J. Phillips, County Commissioner; Jamie Wolgemuth, County Administrator; Jonathan Hess, Chief County Detective, Police Chiefs Representative; Jeffrie Marley, Jr., Sheriff; and, Carla Cyr, Veterans Justice Outreach.

Guests

Joseph Duke, NAACP; Danielle Leist, CEO, Strive Initiatives.

Voting proxies entered for the record: Briana Reigel, Deputy Coroner, for Dr. Jeffrey Yocum, County Coroner; Matthew Rys, Case Manager, for James Donmoyer, Executive Director of Drug and Alcohol Commission and CJAB Vice Chair.

CJAB Chair Holly Leahy called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Presence of a quorum noted. Self-introductions by the members. *Today's meeting was a virtual TEAM meeting; parking around the MH/ID/EI building continues to be a challenge because of the recent snowstorm.*

Minutes of Meeting of December 8, 2025—Approved on a motion by Warden Litz, seconded by Ms. Fortna.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

D.U.I. Court—At present, 17 offenders are participating in the program, with two cases pending.

Prison Reduction—The current Average Daily Population (ADP) at LCCF is 271. The County Commissioners have authorized Warden Litz to apply to PCCD for up to \$113,000 in State funding for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) at LCCF. The purpose of this funding is to increase opportunities to provide MAT to eligible offenders, in combination with comprehensive treatment for substance-use disorders.

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, 46 individuals entering LCCF have had a documented history with MH/ID/EI. Notably, only one has been imprisoned more than once during this same period.

The County reported 18 suicides in 2025, with four cases pending awaiting toxicology reports. Statistical breakdown: 16 males, two females; average age 57, with the youngest being 19 and the oldest being 89; 10 by firearm, four by asphyxiation, three by intentional overdose, one by carbon monoxide; three veterans; all county residents; ten had a known mental health history, five had known substance-abuse history, two known to MH/IDEI; 17 Caucasian, one unknown.

To date, the County has confirmed two suicides in 2026. Statistical breakdown: one male, one female; average 54.5 with the youngest being 34 and the oldest being 75; one by firearm, one by self-inflicted wound resulting in cardiorespiratory arrest; one veteran; all county residents; one with a known mental health history; none with known substance-abuse history, and none known to MH/ID/EI; One Caucasian, one Chinese.

At present, one person resides at the County-owned cottage; MH/ID/EI is reviewing two referrals. 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, 11 offenders are active participants in the program.

Drug Court—23 offenders are currently participating.

CJAB DEPARTMENTS: REPORTS AND ISSUES OF INTEREST

Heroin Task Force Report—County confirmed 11 overdose deaths in 2025, the lowest figure in years. Acadia Healthcare is ending its in-patient treatment program at White Deer Run in Lebanon, effective April 6. Acadia's lease, however, runs until November, so it is not clear what will transpire during that April-November time block. Great concern about where those in need will find inpatient treatment after April 6. 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.

Offender Reentry—Offender Reentry Simulation Workshop is still in the works. The U.S. Attorneys' Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania supports reentry simulations and would supply the materials needed to host such an event. It is a free service; the only requirement is that at least 30 people register ahead of time to attend. Next meeting of the Reentry Coalition is March 20.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS—

- **Strategic Planning: Priorities for 2026-2027 Strategic Plan**—Board members suggested the following:

Establishment of a Mental Health Treatment Court
Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM Workshop)
Viable housing options for the forensic population
Victims Services, including more effective partnerships
Database to track formerly incarcerated individuals
Coordinated reentry plan

FY 2025-2026 IP Funding Update-- The County submitted the IP grant application on December 18. The application remains under review by PCCD.

Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Workshop—The County did not receive grant funding from the GAINS Center to conduct a SIM Workshop. The application was submitted in mid-January with the understanding that the grant was highly competitive. MH/ID/EI received the rejection letter on February 2nd. This does not mean that the County is no longer interested in SIM; rather, it is a matter of finding other funding sources. Policy Research Associates can conduct a one and one-half day SIM Workshop at a cost of \$31,750, with a payment schedule that includes a 25 percent non-refundable deposit.

NEW BUSINESS

PCCD Updates—

Registration is now open for the annual CJAB Conference, which is slated for April 21-22 at the Penn Stater, State College. Anyone interested in attending should register as soon as possible. Last year, rooms at the Penn Stater filled up quickly; some attendees ended up staying at other venues. Reentry is a major topic at this year's conference.

PCCD is reviewing bylaws and developing new standards for counties. Lebanon County's bylaws appear to be in good shape. The Commission is also reviewing its Minimum Operating Standards for CJABs, which have not been reviewed or changed in years.

CJAB Technical Assistance Grants up to a maximum of \$2,000 will be made available in June. These are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to CJABs for special projects. Last year, the funds were depleted by September. Our CJAB should think about possible projects and be prepared to apply as soon as PCCD releases the funding announcement.

PCCD will be making Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) funding available in April. A wide range of projects will be eligible for funding under this announcement; qualified applicants are urged to take advantage of any JAG opportunities.

The PA Navigate system is a resource focused on collaboration and networking among health and human service providers in the Commonwealth. It enables agencies to, among other things,

coordinate referrals, track outcomes, and streamline client intake. A webinar on how to use the system is forthcoming.

SARCC Updates—During the period Oct 1-January 31, SARCC serviced 166 clients, mostly minors. The organization also conducted 173 victim assessments, 90 of which involved child sexual abuse.

Trauma-Informed Care Workshops—MH/ID/EI is sponsoring workshops on this important topic on April 21. Workshops are free to attend but interested individuals must register. More information on MH/ID/EI's page on the County's website.

ADJOURNMENT—With no further business to conduct, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

NEXT CJAB MEETING—Monday, April 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m., MH/ID/EI.