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Behavioral Health 2025



Behavioral Health Mission

- To promote and assist individuals with all social determinants of health needs.
- To identify gaps and barriers within services and resources, while offering referrals, resources, direct services, and grant assistance.



Committee Representatives

- Adult Probation
- Aging
- CIT
- County Administration
- Court Administration
- Courts
- CYS
- District Attorney
- Drug and Alcohol
- Human Services
- Jail
- Juvenile Probation
- MH/IDD/EI
- Public Defender
- SCCAP
- TMCA
- Veteran's Affairs



2025 Meeting Dates

- February 17
- April 21
- June 16
- August 18 (cancelled)
- October 20
- December 15



Special Topics/Highlights

April 21: **Guest Speaker, Diana Fishlock**, Outreach Specialist - PA ABLE
IDD Savings plan presentation

Meeting Highlights:

- 2023 - 2025 overdose data – James Eagler
- Autism and the Courts – Sensory Rooms and other assistance available
- CJAB Strategic Plan and By-Laws review
- FC Jail – PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act)
- SIM Workshop updates
- Veterans Affairs - Military Share Program updates – Josh Curry
- FC Jail – PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act)

2025 Conferences and Presentations

March 17: **House Bill 561** – Testimony Before the PA House Human Services Committee
James Eagler, Heather Franzoni and Michelle Weller testified before the PA House Human Services Committee on House Bill 561, which would amend Act 80 to strengthen statutory authority and alignment for treatment, reentry, and supervision practices involving justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs.

April 4: **CYS partnered with Children's Advocacy Center** for the Child Abuse Prevention Conference - Antrim Brethren in Christ Church

April 10: **Intro to Human Services Professional Development Day**

April 22 – 23: Several members attended the **CJAB Conference** at Penn State

September 29: **Recovery Advocacy Day** – Pennsylvania State Capitol Rotunda James Eagler delivered remarks on the importance of recovery from both a personal and professional lens, emphasizing the value of peer support and the role of community systems in helping individuals sustain long-term recovery.

October 9,16: **Intro to Human Services Professional Development Day**

Senate Bill 716 – Panel Discussion (RCPA Criminal Justice Committee)

Stacey Brookens and James Eagler participated in a statewide panel to discuss Senate Bill 716, which proposes amending the Mental Health Procedures Act (MHPA) to explicitly include substance use disorder as a mental illness for emergency commitment procedures (302/303).

2025 Crisis Intervention

Total CIT count = 350

- 2 (40) hour trainings - 43 first responders including 911 dispatchers, fire/EMS, police, corrections, sheriff deputies/security and probation
- 4th co-responder embedded with Probation and Public Defender's office
- April 24: CJAB Presentation: CIT/Co-Responder Program - Cori Seilhamer
- June 1-4: National Co-Responder Conference (CoRCon), Atlanta, GA – Cori Seilhamer/1 Co-Responder
- August 11-13: CIT International; Community Partnerships, Making a Difference, Anaheim, CA – 9 members attended
- October 21: PA Courts Regional BH Summit Presentation - Cori Seilhamer
- October 28-29: CIT and Beyond, State College – Cori Seilhamer was a presenter, “Evolving the Model: Advanced CIT in PA”

2026 Goals

- Reviewing the 2025 – 2028 Strategic Plan to maintain focus
- Do we have the right people at the table?
- Is the meeting frequency and time adequate?
- Effective communication and the flow of information
- Determining guest speakers/topics to discuss
- Determining who will be mapping out Priority #3
- Reviewing the final report of the SIM mapping as it relates to Behavioral Health
- Review Mission Vision and Values of Behavioral Health and how it connects to the larger CJAB



SIM Priority #3 Goals

1.) Create a detailed User's Guide (step by step) Referral Process / How to Access Services for the following Human Services departments:

Franklin/Fulton Drug and Alcohol (SCA)

Franklin/Fulton MHIDDEI (including Mental Health Housing)

Franklin Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

Franklin Veteran's Affairs

Franklin Human Services / Resources and LINK Access

This user's guide will also include the process on how/when/who to contact for updates on assessments or plans of action.

2.) Create a detailed User's Guide (step by step) to outline and explain Home Planning and Return to Community Living for those who have been incarcerated or situated within a more restrictive long-term living environment.

3.) Create a Human Services Administration division tree/flow chart which outlines each Human Services department/service offered: includes positions and contact information for communication/education.



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