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Chair

First Contact 2025



Mission

The First Contact Committee works to improve every point of initial interaction with the criminal justice system. Our mission is to support safe communities by promoting diversion whenever appropriate, enhancing pretrial practices, and expanding access to behavioral health and crisis response services. Collaborating with law enforcement, human services, and community partners to assist individuals with treatment, stability, and accountability at the earliest possible stage. Our goal is that first contact leads to fair decisions, effective intervention, and pathways that reduce future involvement with the criminal justice system



Committee Representatives/Areas

Courts/MDJs/Court Admin
District Attorney
Public Defender
County Administration
Jail
Adult and Juvenile Probation
State Parole
Mental Health
Police
Emergency Services
Technology
Townships/Boroughs



2025 Meeting Dates

Meet every other month on the third Friday at 0930

January 22, 2025

March 21, 2025

May 16, 2025

July 18, 2025

September 26, 2025

December 2, 2025 (Rescheduled date)



Accomplishments/Highlights

1. Pretrial Initiatives
2. Diversionary Programs
3. Evaluated vendor and technology enhancements
4. Improving communication channels among first contact systems

2025 Outreach and Connection

1. Diversionary Program Presentation
2. Expanded community participants
3. Data driven decisions

2026 Goals

1. Enhancing Diversionary Efforts
2. Improve efficiencies in referral processes
3. Enhancing community/victim safety
4. Crisis Intervention Team enhancements
 - Co-responder Safety initiatives
 - Advanced CIT curriculum
5. Pretrial services: Assessments for conditions



SIM Priority #3 Goals

- Standardized after hours and emergency contact protocols across courts, jail, probation, MDJ, and county administration.
- Addressing release of individuals with serious mental illness without supervision or resources.
- Standardized after hour diversionary efforts for, assessments, pretrial, bail bond contrition resources, etc.



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