

I would like to nominate the Lycoming County CJAB for the 2019 CCAP CJAB Best Practices Award.

The Lycoming County CJAB was established in September 2002. The CJAB meets quarterly. The CJAB consists of subcommittees that meet as often as necessary, which is determined by the CJAB as a whole.

The Lycoming County CJAB membership is diverse. Its membership includes representatives from the Courts, District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, Prison, Municipal Law Enforcement, Community Based organizations, County Commissioners, Health and Human Services, as well as Victims Services. The Lycoming County CJAB is chaired by President Judge Nancy Butts.

The mission of the Lycoming County Criminal Justice Advisory Board is to improve the safety of their citizens by providing a forum for communication regarding critical issues and concerns and to foster a collaborative effort of key decision makers by evaluating, analyzing, planning and recommending action that facilitates the efficiency and effectiveness of the overall system.

The Lycoming County CJAB has the following subcommittees: Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Prison Re-entry, Re-entry Services Center, Substance Abuse, Technology, and Youth At-Risk.

Over the past three years, the Lycoming County CJAB has accomplished the following goals: They provided Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training to various Court staff; provided MHFA training to 25 local law enforcement professionals; provided MHFA training to all Lycoming County Prison staff; acquired MHFA Train-the-Trainer training for two County staff; secured a grant to create and implement a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in both Lycoming and Clinton Counties, hired a CIT Coordinator, modeling Centre County's CIT; created a pocket-sized mental health/intellectual disability local resource guide and distributed to law enforcement and Court officials; established a county-wide definition of recidivism; They are currently conducting a three-year recidivism study under direction of consultant Dr. Kerry Richmond; supported the startup and implementation of the Supportive Housing Program; implemented the LSI-R, a county-wide risk and needs assessment tool for criminal defendants; implemented Criminal Justice Unified Case Management (CJ-UCM) in the Adult Probation Office; implemented the use of tablets in the Adult Probation Office, allowing Officers to be more mobile in the field; created and initiated the Youth Enrichment for Success (YES) Program with STEP Inc.; launched Aggression Replacement Training in the Williamsport Area School District.

Due to their tremendous amount of accomplishments and their overall professionalism, I nominate the Lycoming County CJAB to receive the CCAP Best Practices Award for 2019.