

2017 Criminal Justice Advisory Board Conference
Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections in the 21st Century
The Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center, State College

April 4, 2017

Session Descriptions

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Morning Plenary Sessions

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Keynote Speakers

Secretary John T. Wetzel, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

Richard S. Cho, Director, Behavioral Health, Council of State Governments

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Procedural Justice

Presenter: Honorable Victoria Pratt, Municipal Court, Newark, New Jersey

While the concept is simple, the effects are extraordinary. The Honorable Victoria Pratt serves on the Municipal Court in Newark, New Jersey and believes in treating those in her courtroom with dignity and respect. Her court is a forum for court participants to share their stories, and her method has gained international attention. In this session, Judge Pratt will share the process and philosophy of "procedural justice" and will share the successful outcomes it has produced in her courtroom.

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Medications Used in Substance Related Treatment and Recovery

Presenter: Carl M. Dawson, M.S., MAC, LPC, Q-SAP

This presentation is designed to review current medications that are currently being utilized in substance abuse treatment and recovery. This lecture will review and discuss current controversies, philosophies and therapeutic dilemmas encountered by most clinician's considering medication management. This presentation will also address how anti-depressant, anti-alcohol, anti-cocaine and anti-opioid medications work in relation to treatment outcome and effectiveness. In addition, this presentation will briefly introduce the potential future use of drug related vaccinations in the prevention and treatment of substance related disorders.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 continued:

First Set of Breakout Sessions

1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

1. A Positive P.A.C.E. (Police and Community Engagement) in the 21st Century

Presenter: Jacqueline Bailey- Davis, M. Ed., Staff Inspector, Philadelphia Police Department (PPD), and PPD Liaison for the Department of Justice Reforms.

The Powerpoint presentation will focus on a brief historical perspective of policing, the development of building authentic relationships between the police and community, and bridging the gaps currently divide the police and community. A few of the 21st Century Policing Task Force recommendations and action items regarding police and community engagement will be referenced.

2. Using Data to Combat the Opioid Epidemic

Presenters: Daniel Panusky, Supervisory Intelligence Research Specialist, US Department of Justice – DEA, Philadelphia Division and Lynn S. Mirigian, PhD, Technical Assistance Center Project Director School of Pharmacy, Program Evaluation and Research Unit

Data driven strategies to reduce opioid overdose requires collaboration between stakeholders across multiple fields of expertise, an understanding of what data is needed to inform decisions, and sustainable data collection and analysis practices to measure the success of key strategies. This session will (1) teach principles to collect, analyze, and report data to inform public safety and public health strategies around the opioid epidemic at the local level, and (2) assess the current overdose situation using 2016 overdose death data for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3. How Research on Cyber Hygiene can Help Reduce Vulnerabilities for Sex Trafficking in US Adolescents

Presenter: Jennie G. Noll, PhD, Professor, Human Development and Family Studies Director, Child Maltreatment Solutions Network, The Pennsylvania State University

The impact of social media on today's youth is the focus of this session. Specifically, how the proliferation of social media and the internet has changed social discourse, sexual development and vulnerabilities for victimization. A large research project aimed at understanding the internet and social media behaviors of 466 female adolescents (funded by the National Institutes of Health; NIH) will be described and discussed. Being the first study to go beyond self-reported internet and social media behaviors, this study directly observes internet URL usage and real-time social media activity (including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram postings) for adolescents aged 10-15. The sexual development and internet-initiated victimization of these females are also tracked in lab-based psychosocial interviews. Results indicate how provocative social media self-presentations and high-risk internet use can signal vulnerabilities for online sexual advances and offline meetings with strangers. Particular vulnerabilities for females who have endured childhood sexual abuse will also be highlighted. Limitations of extant media safety campaigns will be outlined and avenues for sex trafficking will be discussed. Implications for policy and legislation will also be discussed, particularly how Safe Harbor Laws can help trafficked children avoid the juvenile justice system and how the child welfare system can help prevent and curtail vulnerabilities for children in protective services.

First Set of Breakout Sessions Continued:

4. A New Look: Justice-Involved Women and the Chester County Women’s Reentry, Assessment and Programming Initiative (WRAP)

Presenter: Jennifer Lopez, B.A., Deputy Chief Chester County Adult Probation Parole, and Pretrial Services

As the number of justice-involved women rises, we must direct our attention to providing this growing population with the supervision and services they need. Until recently, there has been little focus on how women become involved in the justice system, why they remain trapped, what their treatment needs are when they get there and the impact crime and justice has on their children. In order to improve criminal justice, social and health outcomes for women and their families, we must develop a balanced, accountable and compassionate justice system that recognizes the complex problems that form the context for women’s involvement in the system. Participants in the session will increase their knowledge about the profile of justice-involved women; understand the impact of incarceration on women and their families and their needs upon release. Participants will also learn about Chester County Pennsylvania’s PCCD grant funded, evidence-based initiative to address the growing number of women in the system and their unique needs.

5. Co-Occurring Disorders in association with Substance Related Disorders Part I

Presenter: Carl M. Dawson, M.S., MAC, LPC, Q-SAP

This presentation is a two session presentation designed to educate participants on current diagnostic criteria as outlined in the DSM-5 for “Psychiatric Induced-Substance Related Disorders and Substance Induced-Psychiatric Disorders. During the first session participants will explore Psychiatric Induced-Substance Related Disorders in reference to Mood Disorders, Psychosis (Schizophrenia) and Aggression and Acute-Post Traumatic Stress Disorders. During the second breakout session participants will explore Substance Induced-Psychiatric Disorders in reference to Alcohol, Marijuana and Stimulant (Cocaine, Methamphetamine) drugs.

Second Set of Breakout Sessions

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p. m.

1. Risk Assessment 101: A Non-technical Guide to Understanding and Using Risk Instruments

Presenter: William Burrell, Corrections Management Consultant

Risk assessment is becoming increasingly commonplace in the criminal and juvenile justice systems in the US and across the Commonwealth. The instruments are being used for detention and pretrial release, sentencing, probation supervision, jail and prison classification, parole release and parole supervision. Many practitioners have only a vague understanding of these decision-making tools, leaving the possibility of their misuse. This session will review risk assessment generally, describe how they work and how they are developed, review their strengths and limitations, and define appropriate and inappropriate uses. Tips and techniques will be provided for making maximum use of the benefits risk assessment can provide.

Second Set of Breakout Sessions continued:

2. Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Justice System: A Training For Professionals

Presenter: Kate Hooven, MS Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training (ASERT)

The training will be comprised of 3 content areas:

- Statewide data from the Pennsylvania Autism Census and the Statewide Autism Survey of Justice System Professionals
- Clinical overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder including core deficits and symptoms
- How to practically apply information learned about Autism Spectrum Disorder to everyday job duties

3. Building a Sex Trafficking Case: from Investigations through Sentencing

Presenters: Shea M. Rhodes, Esquire, Director and Co-Founder of the Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Les Glauner, Detective, Upper Merion Police and Philadelphia FBI Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force, Jason Krasley, Detective, Allentown Police Department Vice and Intelligence Unit, Robert Schopf, Esq., Deputy District Attorney, Lehigh County, Stefanie Snyder, Special Agent, Homeland Security Investigations and Allentown Police Department Vice and Intelligence Unit

This session will discuss how to building a sex trafficking prosecution including: How tips and leads are obtained and followed, how to work collaboratively among federal and law enforcement agencies; how to engage with victims - including interviewing; what tools are necessary for building a case; how to build an evidence based prosecution by using technology and other intelligence driven evidence; what challenges are presented during cases and how to successfully navigate them; working with Victim Service partners; how to handle Defendants and protect victims; and the prosecution all the way through sentencing.

4. No Cost Solutions to Diversion

Presenters: Maureen McManus, Executive Director of Lehigh Valley Pretrial Services, Inc. ,Steven M. Luksa Esq., First Assistant District Attorney, Lehigh County, Kimberly F. Makoul, Esq., Chief Public Defender, Lehigh County

Lehigh County's Team Mental Illness and Substance Abuse (MISA) and Veteran's Mentoring Program are zero cost, collaborative diversion programs that have provided pre-trial identification of eligible offenders and successful disposition of their cases since inception. In this session, team members will discuss how to develop intervention strategies and individualized action plans for the disposition of criminal cases, and how to promote successful re-entry to the community for these special populations.

5. Co-Occurring Disorders in association with Substance Related Disorders Part II

Presenter: Carl M. Dawson, M.S., MAC, LPC, Q-SAP

Please see Part I description