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Cumberland County to Launch Opioid Intervention Court

Carlisle, Pa. – The Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas and Board of Commissioners announced today that an Opioid Intervention Court (OIC) has been established. The OIC, which will be presided over by Judge Jessica Brewbaker, was developed as a triage court in response to the County’s opioid crisis.

“Our primary goal of OIC is to intervene at the onset of an arrest for opioid addiction, in order to help keep participants alive until they are stable enough to fully invest in their own recovery,” said Judge Brewbaker. “This intensive program will require a commitment to a treatment and recovery plan, frequent and random drug tests, a nightly curfew and daily court appearances.”

“Opioid related deaths in Cumberland County have doubled in just two years,” said Vince DiFilippo, chairman of the Board of Commissioners. “Many departments within County government have worked together in a coordinated, comprehensive way to address the opioid epidemic. Through the combined efforts of our Court system, Drug & Alcohol Commission and many community partners, we are making strides to slow this trend.”

The OIC program will begin identifying and selecting participants in early February. In addition to the OIC program, Cumberland County, in cooperation with Perry County, will soon be starting an intervention Warm Handoff Program for overdose survivors through Just For Today (JFT) Recovery and Veterans Support Services.

For more information on the OIC program, email OIC@ccpa.net and visit www.ccpa.net to learn more about the County’s efforts to address the opioid crisis.

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