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Cumberland County Opioid Intervention Court Celebrates 100% Success Rate

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County’s Opioid Intervention Court (OIC) celebrates its one year anniversary, since it began on February 26, 2018, OIC has entered 85 participants with opioid use disorder. Enacted as a triage court to keep participants alive between arrest and adjudication of criminal charges, the court is currently posting a 100% success rate, with all participants who have entered the court still alive.

Furthermore, Cumberland County overall has seen a substantial decrease in overdose deaths, with 58 overdose deaths in 2018 compared to 86 in 2017. A majority of the OIC participants have also shown a marked decrease in criminal activity, as well as improvements in relationships and employment.

“OIC is an innovative program, delivering individualized justice along with individualized treatment and support to participants at the most vulnerable time of their lives, said Judge Jessica Brewbaker, OIC court judge.

The OIC team is comprised of Judge Brewbaker, coordinator Paul Polensky, Cumberland County Prison Deputy Warden of treatment Rebekah Finkey, a judicial law clerk, a district attorney, a public defender, three certified recovery specialists from The RASE Project, a jail drug and alcohol case manager, two restorative sanctions assistants, and two Adult Probation and Parole officers.

“We thank the community, the participants, and the Cumberland County Commissioners for their continued support of this program,” added Brewbaker.

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