

SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2025
CONFERENCE CALL VIA Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Ken Marzinko
Brian Frey
Kim Long
Dave Bender
Commissioner Alice Yoder

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Kastner
Ashley Reese
Dan Makowski
Deb Bard
Lisa Starr

A. Welcome and Introductions

Rick welcomed the SCA Advisory Board members.

Rick introduced staff members Dan Makowski, Deb Bard and Lisa Starr at the meeting. They will provide some updates during the meeting.

B. Minutes

The minutes of September 23, 2024, did not have any suggested changes or corrections, and were approved as written.

C. Update on Local and Statewide Topics and Issues

SACA Nuestra Clinica is receiving PerformCare Medicaid funding and has their full DDAP license. LCDAC will be renewing the contract with SACA starting January 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2025. If SACA remains in compliance, LCDAC will renew the contract for a full fiscal year on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

White Deer Run/Acadia received their zoning for their new detox and rehab facility. Acadia is expanding detox and rehab and will also include women. Their new location will be on Industry Road by Centerville Road and BJ's. The LCDAC has a grant with White Deer Run for 300 thousand dollars for the expansion project. Rick also acquired a \$1.7 million grant from CABHC for this project. After the renovations of the new facility, there will be an open house and a tour. Rick will place a request to have a tour with the SCA Advisory Board in the new facility.

Compass Mark received a Prevention Impact Award from DDAP. Compass Mark was nominated by LCDAC for this award. ABC local News interviewed Compass Mark regarding the award and all the things they do for the community.

The 2025 Help Guide handout was reviewed. The Getting Help Guide is a brochure that provides information on getting help with alcohol and other drug problems in Lancaster County.

Blueprints received a grant through DDAP to create a drop-in recovery center. Blueprints will receive 1.7 million dollars for a 29-month period from February 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

The new DDAP Licensing Alert was reviewed. A DDAP Licensing Alert is being issued to notify substance use disorder treatment providers of DDAP's new telehealth-only license option and application process. The Lancaster SCA is not interested in contracting with telehealth only treatment facilities, since face-to-face therapy should be provided in most cases.

D. Medicaid HealthChoices Update

HealthChoices Medicaid is in a statewide deficit. HealthChoices gave treatment providers rate increases in 2024. There is a predicted statewide deficit for 2025 and there will be no rate increases for the providers in the near future.

Lancaster County received over 120 million dollars of treatment from the Medicaid Health Choices project in 2024. Over 100 million dollars went towards mental health treatment and over 20 million dollars went towards substance use disorder treatment.

E. Budget Update, Both State and Local

The Lancaster County government was projected to have a budget deficit in 2024. Lancaster County is predicted to utilize a portion of their reserve funds to balance the budget in 2025. LCDAC receives a 160-thousand-dollar match allocation each year from the County's general funds. LCDAC pays over 170 thousand dollars to the County for indirect charges, so the D&A Commission does not cost the county any funding.

F. Problems or Issues Occurring in The Field

There are still staffing issues within the Drug and Alcohol treatment facilities.

G. Reports or Plans

Dan Makowski provided a review of the LCDAC Recovery House Scholarship program. The Recovery House Scholarship program started on November 4, 2024. LCDAC has received 40 applications. Out of the 40 applications, 37 were approved. Two thirds of the applications are submitted by Outpatient Case Managers. LCDAC has a contract with Gate House Transitional Living, Grassroots Recovery Home Shares, Herkey House, PorchLight Gives, R3 House LLC, RASE Project - Lancaster RASE House, and TNH Sober Living.

H. Office Updates

LCDAC is fully staffed with all positions filled. Lancaster County has a 4-month hiring freeze. LCDAC has 11 employees.

I. Provider Overview or Presentation

Lisa Starr and Deb Bard provided a presentation of the Prevention Needs Assessment.

Lisa shared her screen and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The Needs Assessment is part of a five-year cycle. Part one of the Needs Assessment is the assessment phase. Part two is the capacity phase followed by the planning phase, implementation phase and lastly the evaluation phase.

Lisa reviewed the Needs and Resource Assessment (NARA) is a data-driven process created by SCA prevention staff and service providers.

Deb provided an overview of Lancaster County interesting demographics, what was learned from the 2023 Pennsylvania Youth Survey, what are the risk and protective factors, and what the next steps are.

The NARA PowerPoint presentation was emailed to the SCA Advisory Board members.

J. Topics From the SCA Members

No other topics were presented by SCA Members.

K. Statements or Questions from Guests

No other topics or questions were presented by the guests.

L. Adjournment

With no other business presented by the members or guests, the meeting was adjourned.

**THE NEXT SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY
March 24, 2025, AT 6:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Reese
Administrative Secretary