

SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2025
CONFERENCE CALL VIA Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Ken Ralph
Brian Frey
Kim Long
Dave Bender
Commissioner Alice Yoder

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Kastner
Ashley Reese

A. Welcome and Introductions

Rick welcomed the SCA Advisory Board members.

B. Minutes

The minutes of January 13, 2025, 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 residential had an open house on March 12, 2025. SACA recently renovated their facility on Duke and New Street. SACA received a 200-thousand-dollar grant from LCDAC as well as a CABHC HealthChoices Medicaid grant for 100 thousand dollars to buy the building next to SACA for an expansion project. More changes and improvements are scheduled for the future. These recent renovations were primarily cosmetic.

D. Medicaid HealthChoices Update

HealthChoices Medicaid has a statewide deficit of about 2.6 billion dollars in 2024. There is a predicted statewide deficit for 2025. Medicaid eligibility and covered services might be cut in the future. This could mean that clients who are no longer eligible for Medicaid would seek SCA funding for SUD treatment.

E. Budget Update, Both State and Local

The Governor's 2025-2026 proposed budget handout was reviewed. The FY 2025-2026 general fund budget was reviewed on page two. The notes on human service spending on page three were also reviewed in detail. The Medicaid deficit in 2024 has placed the state 2025-26 fiscal year budget in a deficit, and Rick predicts that this might cause a budget impasse.

F. Problems or Issues Occurring in The Field

No problems or issues in the field presented.

G. Reports or Plans

No reports or plans presented.

H. Office Updates

The SCA application handouts were reviewed. There are some requirements when recruiting SCA Advisory Board members. There is a total maximum of 15 members on the SCA advisory board. Approximately fifty percent of members need to be males and 50 percent need to be females. Some of the occupational categories that are required include Criminal Justice, Business, Labor, Education, Medicine and Psycho-Social.

Ashley and Rick updated the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission Advisory Board responsibilities as well as the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission Advisory Board Membership Profile Application.

Each member will be approved by the Lancaster County Commissioners.

The SCA members support the changes and will assist in recruiting candidates. Rick will share the updated documents with the Commissioner's office and then post the documents on the D&A Commission website.

I. Provider Overview or Presentation

Three LCDAC program overview handouts were reviewed, for three funded programs and the outcome measures the D&A Commission identified using the logic model.

The first program overview that was presented was the Pathways Program that is a pre-conviction program that diverts individuals towards treatment and prevention. Blueprints and Compass Mark are the two agencies that provide this program, supported by the District Attorney in Lancaster, Heather Adams.

The second program overview that was presented was the LCDAC Recovery House Scholarship program that exists to help individuals in financial need to access stable and sober housing.

The third program overview that was presented was the DSAA's Recovery Capital Program that was created to serve individuals who are re-entering the community after incarceration. This also

helps them to overcome the barriers they face with the help of Recovery Support Specialists (RSS) at DSAA. These re-entering clients from the county prison were on Medication Assisted Treatment at the prison, and DSAA staff will link the clients to support services and MAT in the community.

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
April 28, 2025, AT 6:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Reese
Administrative Secretary