

SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2025
CONFERENCE CALL VIA Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Ken Ralph
Brian Frey
Ken Marzinko
Dave Bender

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Kastner
Ashley Reese

A. Welcome and Introductions

Rick welcomed the SCA Advisory Board members.

B. Minutes

The minutes of March 24, 2025, did not have any suggested changes or corrections, and were approved as written.

C. Update on Local and Statewide Topics and Issues

The Governor's 2025-2026 proposed state budget handout was reviewed in the last SCA Advisory Board meeting and there are currently no updates. Usually, action on the state budget occurs in June and is due to be approved by July 1.

With the SCA budget running low, LCDAC will keep outpatient and detox services open. However, LCDAC is cutting how many days clients will be placed in rehab and halfway houses. Open positions funded by the SCA are not being filled.

D. Medicaid HealthChoices Update

HealthChoices Medicaid for the first three months of the new year are showing a "break-even" in the budget. There is still a predicted statewide deficit in Medicaid for 2025.

E. Budget Update, Both State and Local

No budget update, both state and local already discussed.

F. Problems or Issues Occurring in The Field

The Lancaster SCA Contract Extension and Funding Freeze letter was reviewed. LCDAC emailed a letter to all contracted providers notifying them that LCDAC intends to offer current contracted providers a six-month contract extension. The Extension will be from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, at the current rate of reimbursement and/or cost reimbursed allocations. DDAP is extending their five- year contract with County SCA's from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, which is causing this contract extension with the providers.

G. Reports or Plans

The Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission Single County Authority Annual Program and Fiscal Monitoring Report was reviewed. DDAP monitors the performance of the LCDAC throughout the year. Each phase of the report stated that the Lancaster SCA fully complied with all components. There are no issues or problems to correct. The SCA Advisory members congratulated the D&A Commission staff.

H. Office Updates

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 were updated. Each application will be presented and approved/denied by the Lancaster County Commissioners. The SCA members support the changes and will assist in recruiting candidates. Rick shared the updated documents with the Commissioner's office, and several candidates have already been recruited.

LCDAC Annual Report FY 2023-2024 was reviewed. The Annual Report will be posted on the LCDAC Website. Page three, LCDAC staff organizational chart was reviewed. Page seven, Number of Overdose Deaths in Lancaster County was reviewed. Page 10, Fiscal Information was also reviewed in detail.

LCDAC is fully staffed.

I. Provider Overview or Presentation

Vantage House Residential Rehab 2025-2026 XYZ Rate Setting was reviewed. Rick receives XYZ Rate Setting packages from all the Lancaster County Residential programs. The XYZ Rate Setting packages are then reviewed by SCA's in Region F, also known as F Troop. Vantage accepted the rates that were offered on the handout. Brian inquired about the questions on the summary and whether the providers must answer them. Rick replied that the provider does not have to answer every question, except the letter K question. Dave inquired about the total number of beds. Rick replied that the number of beds on the report is the number of DDAP State Licensed beds. However, it does not include the beds for children.

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 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
May 19, 2025, AT 6:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Reese
Administrative Secretary