

**SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 10, 2022  
CONFERENCE CALL VIA LIFESIZE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Frey  
Kim Long  
Ken Marzinko  
Matthew Nistor  
Dave Bender

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rick Kastner  
Ashley Reese

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

Rick welcomed the Board Members.

**B. Minutes**

The meeting minutes of the September 27, 2021, SCA Advisory Board Meeting were reviewed. No changes were indicated by Board Members.

**C. New SCA Members**

Rick informed the Board that Dave Bender and Matthew Nistor are two new Board members that were appointed by the County Commissioners. Dave introduced himself to the SCA Advisory Board. Matthew Nistor also introduced himself. Welcome new members.

**D. 2020-2021 Annual Report**

Rick informed the Board that the 2020-2021 Annual Report is complete for the Lancaster County D&A Commission Office. The fiscal year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through June 30<sup>th</sup> of every year. Rick announced that Medication Assisted Treatment is being offered through all treatment facilities. Recovery Houses will now need to be licensed by the state Drug and Alcohol Program, known as DDAP. Recovery House facilities have until June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to get licensed by the state. If Recovery Houses are not licensed, they cannot receive public funding nor referrals from agencies who received public funding. Rick continued with the mission statement and stated that the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission has three full time case managers (Case Manager Supervisor and two Case Managers). Rick continued that page four of the annual report identified the D&A Commission Office organizational chart. The Office is very small with the Executive Director Rick Kastner, One Case Management Supervisor with two case managers, Administrative Assistant Ashley Reese, Chief Fiscal Officer with a Fiscal Technician and a Fiscal Assistant, and Prevention Supervisor with one part time Prevention Specialist. The Office subcontracts out and provides funding to service Providers. After page four, the annual report states all accomplishments the Office completed over the fiscal year. Rick continued to inform

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the Board

that the number of overdose deaths in Lancaster County increased in 2020. Residential facilities remained open during the pandemic, however the ambulatory services switched to virtual. The results of virtual treatment are limited, compared to face to face. Dave asked if any of Lancaster's current Recovery Houses are at risk to not meeting the standards for licensing. Rick stated the original standards were hard to meet, however DDAP modified their requirements, and most recovery houses should not have a hard time meeting the new standards. Rick added that the HealthChoices Project had surplus and one of the reinvestment projects is to offer grants to many of the Recovery Houses. The grant will be about a ten to fifteen-thousand-dollars, that Recovery Houses can use to improve their Recovery House to meet the new DDAP licensing standards. Rick continues to inform the Board that case management is starting to grow. The D&A Office just gave the ok for a couple of facilities to add case managers. The cost for a full-time case manager is about sixty-six thousand dollars. The Office has a mandatory monthly meeting with Case manager supervisors, to allow everyone to get on the same page.

**E. HealthChoices Update**

Rick informed the Board that the HealthChoices project provides support for people who do not have insurance and are low income. HealthChoices project has surplus dollars. The surplus dollars can be used to create reinvestment projects, such as funding clients in Recovery Houses, putting recovery support specialist in outpatient clinics, and providing Recovery Houses with Grants to help get DDAP Licensing. The fiscal year for HealthChoices ends December 31<sup>st</sup> with a surplus of nine million dollars for reinvestment projects. Rick continued that the HealthChoices Project is a coalition with Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, Cumberland, and Dauphin County. Lancaster County has 108 thousand citizens on Medicaid through the HealthChoices Project. There is a total of 265 thousand citizens that receive assistance from the HealthChoices Project in this five-county coalition. Dave Bender asked if the surplus gained in 2021 must be used by 2022. Rick stated that the surplus needs to be spent within 18 to 24 months. Reinvestment funding has stipulations and is typically used for startup or one time only projects.

**F. Office Update**

Rick informed the Board that the office remains staffed. There are three fiscal staff working remotely, a couple days each week while the rest of the office works Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm, in the office. In the local field, some of the rehabs had to shut down for a short period of time due to Covid. Outpatient clinics still provide some services though telehealth.

### **G. Budget Update**

Rick informed the Board that the SCA Budget is doing well because services are being provided at the same level as pre-Covid. There is surplus occurring due to staff vacancies within the treatment provider network.

### **H. Commissioner Lehman**

Rick informed the board that Commissioner Lehman resigned from the SCA Advisory Board, since he is no longer a Commissioner. Rick stated that the 15 County Judges, under President Judge Ashworth, will pick a replacement. Then the board of Commissioners will assign one Commissioner to each department and then a Commissioner will join the SCA Advisory Board.

### **I. Other Business**

Rick asked the Board Members if there were any topics, etc. they would like to raise. Ken Marzinko asked about the body found in Binns Park. Rick stated that Binns Park has an issue with people who hang around the park and building. They spend all day and sleep alongside the building at 150 N Queen Street. For the past year there has been a committee with the county representatives to help the people into treatment services. Blueprints and the RASE project were a part of sending Recovery Specialist to help the congregants. Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> there was a person who looked like they were sleeping, however they overdosed and died.

### **J. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Reese  
Administrative Secretary

**THE NEXT SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY  
MARCH 28, 2022, AT 6:00 PM.**