

**SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2023  
CONFERENCE CALL VIA LIFESIZE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Frey  
Ken Ralph  
Dave Bender  
Commissioner John Trescot  
Kim Long

**GUEST(S)**

Lisa Starr  
Shawn McNichol

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rick Kastner  
Ashley Reese

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

Rick welcomed the Board members.

**B. Minutes**

The minutes of January 09, 2023, did not have any suggested changes or corrections, and was approved as written.

Rick updated the Board that Secretary Jen Smith transferred to the Department of Human Services and is the new Deputy Secretary at OMHSAS.

The Salary Board approved the development of a part-time Case Manager position. Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission, LCDAC, is in the process of advertising the position and will begin reviewing candidates within the upcoming weeks.

**C. Updates in Local and Statewide Topics and Issues**

The LCDAC has a software system that includes both fiscal and client data. Lancaster County IT wishes to move to another system. LCDAC is working with Lancaster County Purchasing to find a new software system.

ASAM alignment monitoring begins in April. ASAM is a tool to help determine the level of care. PerformCare will start to monitor providers to confirm that providers transitioned into providing services through the ASAM level of care model.

Lancaster White Deer Run will be moving locations within six to twelve months. White Deer Run is a local Lancaster County detox and rehab facility that contracts with both PerformCare and LCDAC. Current construction around the facility is making it harder to utilize outside space for residents. When White Deer Run moves, they will expand to include women detox and rehab

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beds. Lancaster SCA will try to provide a 1.7 to 2.0 million dollar start up grant if White Deer Run expands their facility and includes women services.

#### **D. Medicaid HealthChoices Update**

The HealthChoices Project is two months into the new fiscal year that started January 1, 2023. HealthChoices continues to experience a surplus of five million dollars each month. Some of this surplus is used for reinvestment programs.

Rick reviewed the handout and informed the SCA Board that Medicaid is reverting to pre-Covid requirements starting April 01, 2023. The handout identifies what clients need to do to continue to receive Medicaid. The handout also offers a projected potential loss in MA membership. This will place more emphasis on the SCA treatment budget.

#### **E. State and Local Budget Update**

LCDAC 2023-2024 allocations are expected to remain the same.

Rick informed the Board that the SCA treatment budget will become tighter with fewer Medicaid covered citizens.

#### **F. Problems or Issues Occurring in the Field**

Rick reviewed the handout and provided an overview of the Lancaster County Quarterly Overdose Death Report. David Bender asked a question regarding the number of deaths in each quarter. Rick stated that he looks at the overall overdose deaths within the year. The hope is that the overdose deaths will decrease, since the Covid lockdowns are primarily over.

#### **G. Reports or Plans**

Rick introduced Shawn McNichol, Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission Prevention Program Specialist, and Lisa Starr, Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission Program Specialist.

Lisa gave credit to the providers that put time and effort into helping create the Prevention Plan Evaluation Report.

Lisa Star provided highlights on the Prevention Plan Evaluation Report. The Report is a project that was divided into seven different phases. During phases A,B,C and D comprehensive statistics were evaluated and three main problems were determined. The three main problems identified in Lancaster were vaping with youth, marijuana use with youth, adult drug and

impaired driving and DUI. There was also a comprehensive resource assessment completed with prevention programs.

Lisa provided highlights on the goals of each problem and which types of services were implemented to help reach these goals. She continued and highlighted the statistics of the different programs that are being implemented. Lisa also highlighted the outcome report of each problem that was identified.

David Bender asked if there could be online anonymous focus groups to help gather information and help generate what are some substance use problems within the community. Lisa stated that it will be implemented in the future.

One of the programs mentioned in the highlight was the SAP program that the Lancaster County SCA funds. Brian Frey asked for a description of the decision making for the additional funds that were recently added to the SAP program. Rick explained that School Districts were negatively impacted by Covid which caused stress on youth and teachers. Teachers requested additional funding along with hiring more SAP assessors.

Ken Ralph said some encouraging words about the power of prevention and the hard work it took to get the statistics for the Prevention Plan Evaluation Report.

#### **H. Office Update**

Rick restated to the SCA Board that LCDAC is in the process of hiring a part time Case Manager position to help conduct federal GPRA surveys.

#### **I. Provider Overview**

There was no provider overview.

#### **J. Other Business**

No other topics or questions were presented by the SCA members or guests.

#### **K. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Reese  
Administrative Secretary

**THE NEXT SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY  
MAY 22, 2023, AT 6:00 PM.**