

SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2023

CONFERENCE CALL VIA LIFESIZE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Frey
Ken Ralph
Ken Marzinko
Commissioner John Trescot
Kim Long

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Kastner
Ashley Reese

A. Welcome and Introductions

Rick welcomed the Board members.

B. Minutes

The minutes of March 27, 2023, did not have any suggested changes or corrections, and was approved as written.

C. Updates in Local and Statewide Topics and Issues

Rick reviewed the handout and informed the SCA Board that the Shapiro Administration awarded four million dollars in grants for regional recovery hubs across Pennsylvania. These regional recovery hubs are drop-in centers that will provide technical assistance in training and consultations to the regions.

Rick reviewed the handout regarding a letter sent by White Deer Run explaining the need for an expanded detox and rehab center that includes both men and women. WDR of Lancaster needs to move and would like to expand to 40 beds. Rick is encouraging them to expand those beds to include both men and women clients. Rick hopes to secure a 1.7-million-dollar grant from Medicaid/HealthChoices to help with the expansion project. Brian Frey asked how many beds White Deer Run currently has. Rick replied that WDR of Lancaster has seven beds for detox and 20 beds for rehab, in a male only facility. Commissioner John Trescot asked if the WDR owns or rents their current facility. Rick stated that they rent it. Brian Frey asked if WDR is looking to offset their costs or do they need the money for the project to move forward. Rick stated their profit is small with a five to six percent profit margin in Lancaster. CABHC will have a 10 million surplus to distribute in reinvestment projects, Rick will propose a 1.7 million grant to go towards WDR to expand services to include women. Another question asked if it would benefit Lancaster County to have a detox facility that not only takes men but also takes women. Rick stated that there is an urgency for clients to receive detox so it will benefit Lancaster County. Ken Marzinko asked where women go for detox now? Rick stated that women must wait and get

transportation to Berks County, York County, Lebanon County, or WDR in Allenwood. It takes too long to get them there.

Rick reviewed the handout from DDAP regarding ATLAS. ATLAS enrollment period is now open. ATLAS is a website that contains information about various substance use disorder treatment facilities. The handout states that 78 percent of licensed treatment facilities in Pennsylvania are on ATLAS.

Rick reviewed the handout and informed the Board that Congress eliminated the DATA-Waiver Program. A DATA-Waiver certification is no longer required by doctors to treat patients with buprenorphine for opioid use disorder. New training requirements will go into effect on June 21, 2023.

D. Medicaid HealthChoices Update

Medicaid has reverted to pre-Covid requirements. There is a projected potential loss in MA membership. This will place more emphasis and pressure on the SCA treatment budget. Lancaster County has 114,000 citizens who are currently covered by Medicaid for mental health, substance use disorder and physical healthcare. The concern is if clients lose their Medicaid they will stop going to treatment.

E. State and Local Budget Update

LCDAC 's current budget is in good order. However, it may not be within a year, depending on how many Medicaid covered citizens will be in Lancaster County. The fiscal year ends on June 30, 2023.

F. Problems or Issues Occurring in the Field

Rick reviewed the handout and provided an overview of the new sedative called Xylazine. It is not an opioid, but it usually is mixed with fentanyl. Narcan will not work with overdoses due to Xylazine. This sedative is usually used as a tranquilizer in larger animals and can affect the human body to the point where limbs are lost.

G. Reports or Plans

There was no report or plans provided.

H. Office Update

Rick informed the board that there are two candidates for the part-time Case Manager position. Interviews are being scheduled.

Rick informed the Board that LCDAC staff member Shawn McNichol will be retiring July 21, 2023.

Rick reviewed the handout and informed the Board that LCDAC staff have a new email address. LCDAC has been converted to .gov to provide a more secure e-mail address. Brian Frey noticed that case manager David Miller's e-mail address was not updated. Ashley apologized for the confusion and corrections have been made to include David Miller's correct e-mail address.

Rick informed the Board that the County IT is discontinuing Lifesize and the SCA Advisory Board meetings, along with Provider meetings, will be held on Microsoft Teams in the future.

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.**