

SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2021
CONFERENCE CALL VIA LIFESIZE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Ralph
Ken Marzinko
Brian Frey
Commissioner Craig Lehman

GUEST:

Becca Moyer

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Kastner
Ashley Reese

A. Welcome and Introductions

Rick welcomed the participants and introduced Becca Moyer from the RASE Project.

B. Minutes

The minutes of the March 22, 2021 SCA Advisory Board meeting were reviewed. Brian announced that his name was spelled incorrectly under the Compass Mark agenda item. With this one correction, the minutes were approved.

C. RASE Project

Becca Moyer from the Rase Project, joined the meeting to talk about the RASE Project and the programs and services. Becca stated that the RASE Project is a nonprofit recovery community organization that has a recovery drop-in center in Lancaster County. The recovery center functions as a drop-in center for individuals seeking connections and or referrals to any treatment related service. The RASE Project is staffed with recovery specialists who are trained and able to facilitate connections to the services. Pre covid, the RASE project had community events available at the recovery center and educational groups open to anyone in the community. The space is also open to other support groups in the community. In the recovery center there are different offices for the different programs that RASE operates, such as the Door-to-Door Program. The Door-to-Door Program deals with individuals who are in the Lancaster County prison, and are placed into residential rehab, door to door from the prison. There is a Certified Recovery Specialist that facilitates the Door-to-Door. There is another Certified Recovery Specialist that works with Lancaster CY5. The RASE Project also has a medication assisted recovery program and a recovery support program. The recovery center is also staffed by Certified Recovery Specialist who are warm hand off responders. The warm hand off responders is on call 24/7 and respond to local hospitals, in person, to anyone presenting substance abuse disorder. Becca stated that the RASE Project stayed open during the COVID lockdown. In person groups were still operating face to face, however the amount of people in the group was

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decreased. The RASE project did discontinue community events during COVID. All other programs operated in person and telehealth services if needed. Becca continued that in the fiscal year 2018-2019, 1664 clients accessed the recovery center. 338 of the 1664 clients were new. 8-15 people will come into the recovery center seeking treatment placement each month. 165 clients were in the WHOS program; 116 clients referred to the CYS RSP program. 362 clients were referred into the Door-to-Door program. The new Year End Report is being developed now. Rick added that it is a lot easier having the RASE drop-in center for clients to walk in and receive a referral. The D&A Commissions office has noticed that within the last couple of years, there have been more people told to drop in at the RASE Center and they will help you get into treatment. The SCA and the HealthChoices Project provided the funding for the RASE Project to buy the building on Orange Street, through reinvestment dollars. LGH use to call the RASE Project for the WHOS program and now LGH hired health outreach workers that staff the emergency department and provide a warm hand off for substance abuse disorder and mental health services.

A. State Budget

Rick informed the Board that the State Budget should be easy to pass this year, because the current administration in Washington is providing financial assistance to the states. The Lancaster SCA is expecting an increase in federal dollars for the drug and alcohol field.

B. Office Functioning

Rick informed the Board that the D&A Commission office staff members will return in the office, full time, starting May 10th. The fiscal department staff will be in the office for three days and working remotely the other two. Every staff member had the opportunity to receive/schedule the COVID vaccination. Staff will be asked to wear masks in the hallways and common areas of the building.

C. HealthChoices Update

Rick informed the Board that the HealthChoices project with the CAP 5 had a good year in the Medicaid/ HealthChoices last year. The CAP 5 can keep three percent of the total budget. The CAP 5 will have money to begin creating new projects. The RASE project was started with Medicaid/HealthChoices reinvestment dollars in Lancaster . Rick would like to create an idea to provide the school districts with social workers, case managers, SAP assessors, and provide the schools with assistance to get children into treatment services. Brian Frey asked if supporting school districts would be at the high school level or elementary level. Rick stated that if there can be a few case managers/ SAP supporters at each district, then the district can decide on where

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they need the assistance the most.

D. Treatment Needs Assessment

Rick informed the Board that the Treatment Needs Assessment is updated every 5 years and is sent to the DDAP. The Treatment Needs Assessment will be reviewed at the next SCA Advisory Board in May.

E. Recovery House Licensing Regs

Rick informed the Board that the Recovery Houses are clean and sober houses but do not provide treatment. The RASE Project has about seven beds up on the third floor. However, it is down now to only five beds due to COVID. DDAP wants to develop health and safety standards for Recovery Houses to be licensed.

F. Other Business

Rick asked the Board if there were any other topics the board would like to talk about. No other topics indicated.

G. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Reese, Administrative Assistant

**THE NEXT SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY,
MAY 24, 2021 AT 6:00 PM.**