

SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBRE 22, 2014  
150 NORTH QUEEN STREET  
5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR RESOURCE ROOM  
LANCASTER PA

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Beeders  
Jack Enco  
Doreen Kreiner  
Ken Marzinko  
Ken Ralph  
Dennis Stuckey  
Tammy Tedesco  
Sylvia Vane

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Kastner  
Marcia Musser

GUESTS PRESENT:

Denise Holden, RASE  
Shawn McNichol, RASE

I. **BUSINESS**

A. **Welcome and Introductions**

Rick Kastner welcomed the SCA Advisory Board members and everyone introduced themselves.

B. **Minutes**

The minutes of July 28, 2014, were approved as written.

C. **Business**

1. **2015 SCA Meeting Dates:** The 2015 SCA meeting dates and location for the meetings were approved. They are:

January 26, 2015  
March 23, 2015  
April 27, 2015  
May 18, 2015  
July 27, 2015  
September 28, 2015  
November 17, 2015

2. **2013-2014 Block Grant Expenditures:** Rick reviewed some of the 2013-2014 Block Grant expenditures:

Detox:	\$253,231
Rehab:	\$663,817
Halfway House:	\$ 13,489

The average stay in rehab was 12.5 days. A usual rehab stay is 28 days. The providers try to get the clients onto MA/Health Choices as soon as possible. The D&A Commission pays for the first few days or weeks, then the client switches to Health Choices, if eligible.

3. **Heroin Overdoses:** There were two newspaper articles recently, detailing the heroin problem in Lancaster County. It is not just a Lancaster City problem, it is in every little town in Lancaster County. Heroin is one of the worst addictions; it is very easy to get and is cheap. There is an epidemic of opiate use across Pennsylvania. Rick and Commissioners Stuckey and Lehman recently attended a day long training on heroin addiction.
4. **Recovery Awareness Day:** Recovery Awareness Day was held on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and was organized by RASE and others. It was held at Clipper Stadium and was a great success.
5. **Anonymous People Film:** As part of Recovery Month, the film “Anonymous People” will be shown at Penn Cinema on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Medicaid Applications From The Prison:** Rick is working on developing a program to expedite MA applications in the prison. The MA application would be completed, reviewed, and decided upon before the inmate is released. If approved for MA, upon release the inmate could go door-to-door to rehab. A person will be hired to evaluate who needs drug or alcohol rehab. It was suggested that perhaps an intern from a local college could be hired. Rick explained that an intern could not complete the evaluation, but could help with the MA application. It is anticipated that from 200 – 400 inmates would be served.
7. **RASE Proposal:** The RASE proposal was distributed as an F.Y.I. RASE will provide one full time Enrollment Specialist, to work in the prison to implement the program to expedite MA applications.

8. **RASE Year-End Report:** RASE is a recovery community organization and has been in existence for 13 years. RASE provides advocacy services and recovery based peer support services. The Buprenorphine Care Coordinators work with recovering heroin addicts. RASE also provides Recovery Specialists and advocacy services. RASE is looking for a building in Lancaster to use as a recovery house, a drop-in center and also use for office space. In 2013-2014, RASE held three (3) training workshops in Lancaster. RASE is advocating for House Bill 2090 (Good Samaritan Law). In the event of an overdose, the Bill combines two broad provisions to protect witnesses who call 911 and to allow parents and other potential witnesses, as well as police and other first responders, to carry and administer Naloxone.

## II. **BUSINESS FROM THE SCA MEMBERS**

Ken Ralph asked if Rick could discuss Healthy PA at the next Board meeting. Rick reviewed Healthy PA briefly, but it will also be on the agenda for the next SCA Board meeting.

Tammy Tedesco asked what the D&A Commissions position is on medical marijuana. Rick explained that the field is ok with what is extracted from marijuana for medical use. The D&A Commission does not support any use of marijuana for the purpose of getting “high”. More research must be completed, to determine how valuable medical marijuana is for various illnesses.

## III. **Adjournment**

With no other items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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