

**SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 09, 2023
CONFERENCE CALL VIA LIFESIZE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Frey
Ken Ralph
Dave Bender
Ken Marzinko
Commissioner John Trescot
Kim Long
Bryan Klugh

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Kastner
Deb Bard
David Miller

A. Welcome and Introductions

Rick welcomed the Board members.

Deb Bard and David Miller, both Case Managers for the D&A Commission, provided an overview of their backgrounds and experience. Deb is new to the office, and David has been with the D&A Commission for the past three years.

B. Minutes

The minutes of September 19, 2022, did not have any suggested changes or corrections.

C. Updates in Local and Statewide Topics and Issues

Rick informed the Board that the current Secretary of DDAP, Jen Smith, will not continue with the new administration in Harrisburg. Secretary Smith did a fine job leading DDAP over the past six years. No replacement has been announced yet by the new Governor's office.

Rick informed the Board that DDAP recently announced that the SCA's can now provide client information regarding people who died from an overdose and participate on the overdose death review teams.

Rick informed the Board that Fentanyl test strips are now legal in Pa. Fentanyl is the powerful opioid that kills many of the clients using street drugs. Many of the drugs are laced with fentanyl, which is what ends up killing the person.

D. Medicaid HealthChoices Update

Rick informed the Board that the HealthChoices project is doing well, and a surplus exists at the end of 2022. This will allow additional reinvestment projects to be created and funded.

Rick informed the Board that the Medicaid rules will eventually go back to pre-COVID requirements, which will decrease the citizens that are covered by Medicaid for their D&A treatment, mental health services, and physical health care coverage. It is projected that 15% to 21% of the current Medicaid covered lives could lose their coverage. Currently, 116,000 citizens in Lancaster receive their health care coverage from Medicaid, also known as Medical Assistance. The HealthChoices project is required to aggressively reach out to anyone who will lose their Medicaid and assist that person in keeping their coverage. A year after this change goes into effect, the Lancaster SCA treatment budget might run out of funding again, as occurred for many decades before COVID.

E. State and Local Budget Update

Rick informed the Board the Lancaster SCA will receive an additional \$50,000 from DDAP for the housing grant with GateHouse.

Rick informed the Board that the Lancaster SCA will also need to ask DDAP for another \$150,000, to help fund the Medication Assisted Treatment/MAT program at the county prison. This request was just made by the prison, to the Lancaster SCA.

F. Problems or Issues Occurring in the Field

Rick informed the Board the new confidentiality regs, using the federal 42 CFR Part 2, as compared to the previous state 255.5 regs is still being interpreted and understood. Client consent forms and documents will need to be modified in the SUD field.

G. Reports or Plans

Rick provided an overview of the DRAFT Lancaster SCA Annual Report for fiscal year 2021-22. He highlighted some of the sections. Questions were asked and discussed. During the March 27 SCA meeting, SCA prevention staff will review the prevention needs assessment and plan, known as the Phase G document.

H. Office Update

Rick informed the Board that Deb Bard was hired. Rick will try to create a part time Case Manager position to work on the federally required GPRA surveys with the clients.

I. Other Business

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

J. 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
MARCH 27, 2023, AT 6:00 PM.**