

**SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 25, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Lehman  
John Cotter  
Kim Long  
Ken Ralph  
Ken Marzinko

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rick Kastner  
Becky Sayeg

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

Rick welcomed everyone.

**B. Minutes**

The minutes of January 14, 2019 were approved as written.

**C. Gate House Marietta Update**

The facility, which the SCA board members visited last summer, is still not occupied. Water and sewer hook-up have been delayed, which placed a stop to the renovations. The plan is to make this facility a women's halfway house program and convert the Mountville property to a men's program.

**D. Annual Report, FY 2017-18**

Rick reviewed the Report, and highlighted pages 5, 8, 9, 11, and 12. Although DDAP no longer requires an Annual Report, the Lancaster D&A Commission publishes a report, to inform the public about the services and programs funded by the Commission.

**E. Compass Mark Moving and Funding**

Compass Mark needs to move from the Janet Avenue facility. The Janet Avenue building has a new owner, who has many changes planned in the next five years. Compass Mark requested a \$70,000 grant from the D&A Commission, to renovate the proposed new site, and to purchase equipment and tables/chairs. A large conference room would be a part of the Compass Mark office, and the D&A Commission would have access to this meeting room, at no cost. This grant would be funded by DUI dollars in the D&A Commission budget. There were no objections to this plan.

**F. House Bill 335 and Health Choices**

Rick provided an overview of the Medicaid Health Choices project and the many advantages of having the D&A commission involved with the management and oversight of the program. The Oppose House Bill 335 coalition letter was reviewed.

**G. Gate House and Recovery House with DSAA**

Rick described the potential joint project between Gate House and the Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance/ DSAA community group. DSAA would occupy the first floor, for a drop-in center and community trainings and events. The second and third floors would be managed by Gate House, for a women's recovery house. Gate House would own the building. The D&A Commission would provide a DUI grant for this joint project.

## **H. White Paper on Marijuana Legalization**

The white paper, written by Compass Mark, was reviewed and discussed. Rick attended a two-hour training last week, presented by Dale Quigley, from the National Marijuana Initiative. There are lots of data and information from the state of Colorado, which legalized marijuana about five years ago.

## **I. Case Management Grant Update**

The Lancaster SCA did not receive a grant in the first round from DDAP, but Rick submitted an updated proposal for the second round of funding. The D&A Commission needs four more points to receive case management funding from DDAP. NOTE: The CM grant from DDAP was approved, for \$500,000 per year.

## **J. Gearty and Associates Outpatient Clinic**

Both the Lancaster facility, and the Ephrata program went out of business. Rick provided a history of this outpatient clinic, which opened more than 35 years ago as HSA. Rick is talking to several providers, to replace the Ephrata clinic. There are eight other outpatient clinics in Lancaster County, at 12 different sites.

## **K. State Budget Update**

Rick believes the atmosphere in Harrisburg has changed, and he expects a short budget impasse, if any. This is great news for the D&A Commission and the providers. Commissioner Lehman provided an overview of the state budget process, and his insight into a short delay in the state budget.

## **L. Warm Hand-Off Update**

The three remaining hospitals are participating in the Emergency Department Warm Hand-Off project, but LGH Penn Medicine is now providing most of the Warm Hand-Off services with their own staff. The RASE Project did not recently fill a Recovery Specialist vacancy, and the hospitals can call the RASE Recovery Specialist for any drug and alcohol related client, not just opioid overdoses.

## **M. Other Business from the SCA**

No other business was presented by the SCA members.

## **N. Business from the Audience**

There was no business from the audience.

## **O. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kastner  
Executive Director

**NEXT MEETING: April 29, 2019**

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