

SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2026

CONFERENCE CALL VIA Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Kim Long
Dave Bender
Josh Druce

STAFF PRESENT:

Niki Snyder
Ashley Reese
Becky Sayeg

GUESTS:

Anna Davis, White Deer Run
Jess Kostic, Pyramid
Jacquelyn Pfursich, Lancaster County Solicitor
Gail Groves Scott

A. Welcome

Niki welcomed the SCA Advisory Board members.

Introductions were made by board members, staff and guests.

B. Minutes

The minutes of March 22, 2026, did not have any suggested changes or corrections. The minutes were not approved at this time.

C. Update on Local and Statewide Topics and Issues

Anna and Jess were invited to the SCA Advisory Board meeting to discuss the closure of Lancaster White Deer Run and what impact it might have on clients trying to access withdrawal management services. Providers work together so that Lancaster County citizens have equal and speedy access to services.

Anna Davis stated that White Deer Run did close the Lancaster facility. White Deer Run still has nine facilities throughout PA that offer withdrawal management and rehab services. Lancaster is approximately 2 hours away from most of WDR's facilities, with the exception of York. White Deer Run Lancaster's closing eliminated 7 withdrawal management beds from the network. However, there are still 183 withdrawal management beds and over one thousand residential beds within WDR's network. A client called the morning of April 27, and White Deer Run had 54 withdrawal management beds available. White Deer Run has offers 24/7 admissions and will utilize Uber for immediate pick-up. If the client can wait until the next day, the facility will pick

up the client. White Deer Run has facilities in York for males and females. White Deer Run's Bowling Green location now provides Spanish speaking services to clients. Dave inquired if there is any loss in family related services due to White Deer Run Lancaster's closing. Anna stated that the Lancaster facility did not allow family visits. The biggest loss for the Lancaster facility is the strong alumni which still communicate via the Facebook page. All facilities can have family sessions with a counselor via telehealth if it is appropriate for the client. The Cove Fodge location recently started to take couples and provide them with family counseling. Josh inquired if there was a plan to open another facility in Lancaster. Anna stated that White Deer Run does not plan to open a new facility in Lancaster. Gail asked if there has been a decrease in the need for withdrawal management due to people in outpatient or maintenance treatment. Anna stated that there has been a noticeable decrease, however the reason is not clear. Anna stated that usually people from Lancaster did not want to go to the Lancaster facility due to having triggers close or the availability to walk right out the door and go home.

White Deer Run, Pyramid and all the community reps work closely together to make sure individuals are getting into services and getting the treatment they need. Jess stated that Pyramid is very similar with different programs throughout Pennsylvania. Pyramid also has many withdrawal management beds available. Pyramid has over 120 withdrawal management beds that are available to individuals of Lancaster. Pyramid provides transportation for all individuals to and from treatment. Pyramid allows individuals 24-hour access to services with a 24/7 admissions department. Just like White Deer Run, Pyramid has beds available all the time. Individuals can access services via phone calls, emails and the Pyramid website. Pyramid does family programming virtually and in person. Pyramid also has a facility in York and that facility has 20 withdrawal management beds.

Dave asked if there are Intensive Outpatient programs within Lancaster. Becky stated that Lancaster SCA contracts with a few providers who offer Intensive Outpatient. Becky stated that Pyramid, White Deer Run and Malvern do a great job of transitioning clients into local programs when they complete their inpatient treatment. Jess added that there are great programs and resources for step down in Lancaster.

Gail asked if Pyramid or White Deer Run have a facility that focuses on the Hispanic community. Gail stated that she would like to hear more about programs that target the Black and Hispanic communities due to overdose rates being higher within those communities. Anna stated that White Deer Run of Bowling Green now offers a Spanish track for primary Spanish speaking clients. PA Adult Teen Challenge also has a Spanish speaking track as well. Becky added that Naaman Center and Ponessa Behavioral Health offer outpatient services in Spanish. Although Nuestra Clinica has closed, they are working with another organization to bring drug and alcohol services for Hispanic clients back to the County. Dave stated that there was a concern whether something was wrong with Lancaster County due to all the closures. Anna stated Lancaster is not unique and there are providers closing facilities in other counties as well.

Clarification was made that Vantage in Lancaster County is only on a 90-day operational pause and not permanently closed.

D. Medicaid HealthChoices Update

No updates.

E. Budget Update, Both State and Local

No updates.

F. Problems or Issues Occurring in The Field

No topics were presented at this time.

G. Reports or Plans

No topics were presented at this time.

H. Office Updates

The Commissioners approved the January 1, 2026- June 30, 2026, provider contracts on April 8, 2026. LCDAC is now able to process provider's payments.

Niki gave a brief overview of the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission (LCDAC) and its role within County Government. Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission is also known as the Lancaster County Single County Authority (SCA). LCDAC operates as a public executive commission and is an independent department within the Lancaster County Government. LCDAC is administrative in nature with 10 employees. LCDAC does provide any direct service. All services are delivered through contracted external agencies. Lancaster SCA is responsible for funding substance use disorder treatment for low income and uninsured/under-insured residents who are not eligible for Medicaid. LCDAC also supports community-based prevention, education, intervention, case management, and recovery support services for Lancaster County residents. LCDAC also manages the Opioid Settlement funding on behalf of the county commissioners. LCDAC's annual operating budget is approximately five and a half million dollars with most of the funding coming from the Department Drug and Alcohol Program and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Becky added that LCDAC case managers work closely with LCDAC funded case managers who are embedded within most of the contracted outpatient clinics. LCDAC also provides recovery support services through contracted providers like Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance and the 521 Club.

DDAP requires each SCA to complete a Treatment Needs Assessment every five years. The needs assessment is to identify trends, gaps, and barriers within the local treatment

system. The Last needs assessment was completed in 2020. LCDAC is currently in phase one of the needs assessment which is the needs and recourse assessment phase. This phase involves gathering data, reviewing system capacity, and reviewing emerging issues across Lancaster County. Phase two will involve discussions with community stake holders to review the findings from phase one and gather additional insight from those working directly in the field. LCDAC will hold community listening sessions in the late summer/early fall. Phase three will be the development of a formal treatment service plan. This plan will outline strategies to identify gaps and barriers, as well as opportunities to strengthen and expand the existing system. Niki asked for feedback about some of the trends, gaps, barriers and strengths seen within Lancaster County's substance use disorder treatment and recovery systems.

Dave stated that it is important to focus on the family engagement part of treatment. This includes engaging with family early in treatment and helping families understand the nature of substance use and how they can help their family members. It is important to make sure there is adequate support for the family members as well.

Gail asked about recovery support service capacity since RASE closed. Niki stated that LCDAC is collaborating with DSAA and Blueprints to determine if more recovery support services are needed. Recovery support specialists from Blueprints do Warm Hand Off at the local hospitals. LCDAC also contracts with DSAA to run the Door-to-Door program which places clients in Lancaster County Prison directly into treatment.

Gail asked how the treatment needs assessment was conducted in the past. Niki stated that the needs assessment process is scripted out by DDAP. One phase requires conducting community listening sessions where stakeholders come together and discuss the needs and gaps within the community. The listening sessions must be completed by October 2026. The treatment needs assessment must be finalized by November. Phase one of collecting and analyzing data is due May 15, 2026. Listening sessions will be scheduled after phase one is complete.

I. Provider Overview or Presentation

No overview or presentations were presented. Dan Makowski, LCDAC's Prevention Supervisor and Opioid Settlement Coordinator will provide a presentation on current Opioid settlement remediation programs and outcomes at a future meeting.

J. Topics From the SCA Members

No other topics were presented by the SCA Members.

K. Statements or Questions from Guests

Gail asked what steps will be taken regarding decisions on how \$4 million of unallocated Opioid settlement funds will be spent. Jacquelyn Pfursich, the Lancaster County Solicitor, stated the commissioners are working with the Drug and Alcohol Commission to develop that process and additional information regarding specific tasks and timelines will be forthcoming. Lancaster County is on target to allocate all funds by the 2026 allocation deadline and will begin working on a plan to allocate remaining funds for the 2027-2029 allocation deadlines.

L. Adjournment

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

**THE NEXT SCA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY
June 22, 2026, AT 6:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Administrative Secretary