

**Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Program**  
**Single County Authority (SCA)**  
**Executive Commission Meeting**  
**January 26, 2022**

The Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission Meeting took place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

**Participants:** Ryan Hogan, Michael Gagliardi, Jill Sprau, Pamela Coveleski, Marie Baratta – SCA  
Dr. Blewitt – Executive Commission Chair  
Eugene Dziak – Co-Chair  
Jessy Miller – Provider Representative  
John McCarthy, Eric Bieski, Nick Wilson, Ian Urbanski – Executive Commission

**Welcome and Review of Minutes:** Mr. Hogan welcomed everyone, and asked the Committee to review the minutes of December 15, 2021. *A motion was made to accept the minutes by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

**Administrators Report:** Mr. Hogan reviewed that the SCA had begun its SOR-Funded Housing Grant Program on April 1, 2021 in partnership with the Commission on Economic Opportunity. He commended Mr. Gagliardi for his due diligence and hard work on this very important project, as well as offering excellent assistance to our Providers. This program has already connected approximately 180-190 individuals recovering from Opioid Use Disorder and/or Stimulant Use Disorder to housing services, rental assistance, utility assistance, and other social service needs like transportation assistance. The Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program will continue this grant opportunity through September 28, 2022.

Mr. Hogan reviewed updates on the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative in Partnership with Luzerne County District Attorney's Office and PA Office of the Attorney General that is represented by Ms. Janene Holter. Mr. Hogan confirmed that he and Mr. Alunni met with the DA to discuss this initiative, and also met with many Municipal and County Police/Sheriff staff to discuss harm reduction models, like safe syringe programs and fentanyl testing strips, and offering diversionary programs like treatment assistance with no arrest.

Mr. Hogan discussed the Community-Based Warm Hand-Off that includes local providers' involvement, and he will be scheduling an upcoming planning session with them. The SCA is reaching out to pharmacies for participation in bridge-MAT Services. Mr. Gagliardi, and Mr. Miller reviewed that Overdose Survivors' are offered assistance through CRS Staff in the ER's., as well as referrals especially in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Hazleton PA. Mr. Miller will offer assistance with referrals including late night hours, and is in the process of hiring 2 or 3 CRS trained staff. Mr. McCarthy stated that he is pleased to hear about the treatment program resources for individuals in need.

Mr. Hogan discussed the Opioid Settlement Update. He shared the Opioid Settlement information with the Executive Commission, including the approved Remediation Uses for the Opioid Settlement monies.

Mr. Hogan confirmed that the annual SCA Provider Monitoring Visits will begin in February. The Annual XYZ Rate Setting for Inpatient Providers is listed on the DDAP Website for the Providers to review.

Mr. Hogan, and Mr. Gagliardi reviewed the PA - PGGPW – Problem Gambling & Gaming Prevention Workgroup. They have also participated in reaching out to the Sub-Committees focused on the LBGTQ+ Community and Business/Industry. Mr. Hogan reported that Narcan distribution efforts, and ideas to expand Distribution to hospital settings, and prison settings are being discussed. Mr. Hogan confirmed that the Prevention/Education Gambling Funded Proposal for FY 2022/2023 must be completed by the end of January 2022. *A motion was made to accept the Report by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. Dziak.. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

**Case Management Report:** Ms. Sprau reviewed that due to increased Covid cases, the CM Unit Staff are back to rotating Case Managers in office, and remote working. Ms. Sprau attended DDAP ASAM Technical Assistance, WHO Extended Front Door, DR-CT, and the IPP/RP meeting. She submitted December's WHO Survey and started to collect new WHO data information. The new Rates have been changed in CPR Web as well as the units of outpatient providers. Ms. Sprau met with Mr. Kaminski from ClearVision to discuss their programs and facility. Ms. Sprau continues to complete Chart Reviews and SOR II GPRA follow up due notifications to the Providers. The CM Unit had 64 assessments scheduled and 54 assessments completed in December. There were also 34 emergency/helpline placements and 23 WHO follow ups with only 2 WHO follow-up's refusing treatment. Ms. Sprau was happy to confirm a new staff Ms. Samantha Nicholas has started on 1-14-22 in the Case Management Unit. Ms. Sprau reviewed that Providers in total offered Detox to 64 individuals, Rehab to 328 individuals, Halfway-House to 44 individuals, and 0 Partial Hospitalization *A motion was made to accept the report by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Bieski. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

**Fiscal Report:** Ms. Coveleski's reviewed the July 2021 to November 2021 Fiscal Report and Cash Disbursements. *A motion was made to accept the report by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. Wilson. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

**Provider Representative Report:** No Report

**Prevention Report:** Mr. Hogan, and Mr. Gagliardi have completed the Gambling Funding Proposal that will be submitted this week to DDAP. Mr. Gagliardi discussed Cyber Gambling gaming and noted that Berks County have offered "Home Grown Gambling" education for their High School and Communities.

Mr. Hogan, and Dr. Blewitt asked if Mr. Urbanski would offer a Criminal Justice presentation to the Executive Commission, and he said he would be very happy to offer this at our February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. *A motion was made to accept the report Mr. Urbanski, seconded by Dr. Blewitt. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.*

<b><u>Upcoming Trainings:</u></b> VIRTUAL Prescription Drug Abuse	March 29 & 30 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm each day
VIRTUAL Screening & Assessment	May 3 & 4, 2022 from 1:00-3:30 pm each day
VIRTUAL Practical Apps. For Confidentiality	May 5, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
VIRTUAL Ethics in Prevention	May 9 & 10, 2022 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm each day

**Executive Commission Nominating Committee:** Mr. Hogan confirmed that our Executive Commission Member Ms. Divis has resigned as she is moving to Binghamton NY as of January 2022. Ms. Divis always offered very good ideas and improved changes to help our communities, and will be greatly missed by all. Mr. Hogan noted that the Executive Commission has an opening for a Student representative and a Clergy representative for the Wyoming County compliment. Mr. Hogan has sent a letter to Commissioner Henry and also spoke to him in person to ask if he is interested in fulfilling a Wyoming County seat on the Commission.

**By-Laws:** The 2018 and 2020 By-Laws will be reviewed and approved by the ABC Committee when they are able to meet in person. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is unknown as to when they will meet to pass a vote to approve them. The By-Laws will be reviewed on a bi-yearly basis in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of Calendar Year 2022.

**Next Meeting:** The next Virtual Executive Commission Meeting that will take place from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on February 23, 2022. *With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 4:00 p.m. by Dr. Blewitt, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. All in favor. Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted by: Marie Baratta, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed and approved by: Ryan Hogan, Administrator